

Residents & experts disagree about traffic impact

Traffic engineers determine that Crystal Commons will produce minimal impact on traffic

By STEPHEN BJORK
WILMINGTON - The Town got a look at the peer review of the traffic study for Crystal Commons at the Board of Appeals meeting on Monday night.

Crystal Commons is a 108-unit condominium development slated to be built on the 11.5-acre former site of Diamond Crystal at 10 Burlington Avenue.

The proposal calls for two, three story buildings, one with fifty-eight units, one with forty-two units. There will also be two townhouses with eight units and a building for tenant storage.

Michael Abend, of Abend Associates, was hired by the Town to conduct a peer review of the traffic study that had been produced by VHB/Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) for the proponent of the Crystal Commons project.

Abend found that VHB had used appropriate data, procedures and methodology to arrive at their conclusions. Abend noted, however, that the traffic light at Chestnut Street and Burlington Avenue was not addressed in VHB's study. Though Abend felt that the Chestnut Street intersection did not appear to significantly impact the Burlington Avenue/Main Street intersection, he would like to have seen an explanation addressing reasons why it was not included in the study.

Abend found that VHB predicted Crystal Commons to generate 4 or 5 trips lower than it should have, but that figure was offset by VHB's decision not to factor in the number of residents expected to utilize the MBTA station.

"By not adjusting for the number of trips that would be via transit, VHB has more than compensated for the slightly lower trip generation projections," Abend said.

Abend agreed that if the property were developed as light industrial space, it would generate slightly fewer trips on a daily basis, but would create slightly higher volumes during peak hours.

Additionally, Abend agreed that if the developer were to build an office facility, it would result in a significantly higher volume of traffic.

"This project does not add a significant amount of traffic to the intersection," Abend said. "The project will result in a one percent increase and is

not really going to change the overall operations of the intersection." Residents did not agree with Abend's assessment.

Burlington Avenue resident, Arthur Spear, invited Abend to join him on his front lawn so the two could count cars together.

The Board of Appeals discussed a number of scenarios to mitigate the impact to the intersection, including the extension of the right-hand turn lane that currently exists on Burlington Avenue leading onto Main Street. Discussion included altering the Burlington Avenue/Main Street traffic signal cycling, but that idea was dismissed. "That traffic signal has been adjusted about 90 times and

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Schools face tough budget year... again

Wilmington in better shape than some neighbors

By ANDREA MACMULLIN

WILMINGTON - As the School Committee and Superintendent tackle the difficult task of preparing the school system's Fiscal Year 2007 budget, neighboring towns are doing the same, and facing some difficult decisions.

In Chelmsford, Superintendent of Schools Richard Moser is facing an anticipated \$3 million shortfall for FY07.

"At the moment there are two alternatives on the table," said Moser. Each alternative includes drastic cuts.

The first alternative, which

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Wilmington First Baptist Church members Gary Molgard (inset left) and Dave Gutierrez (inset right) used their own vacation time and financial resources to join in the hurricane relief efforts in southern Gulf states hit by Katrina. As shown in the photo above, vehicles floated along flood waters through neighborhoods and came to rest in some precarious places.

(courtesy photos)

Giving thanks by giving back

Two local men volunteer for hurricane relief efforts

By ROBERT FIGUCIA

WILMINGTON - The Thanksgiving holiday has new meaning for two locals who returned this week from hurricane-relief efforts in the U.S. Gulf states. Gary Molgard and Dave Gutierrez, both members of Wilmington's First Baptist Church, felt a call to action to help others recovering from devastation in southern U.S. Gulf states where Hurricane Katrina hit in late August 2005. They used their own vacation time and financial resources to join relief efforts coordinated by Campus Crusade for

Christ in hurricane-ravaged areas. Their labor-intensive week will hopefully bring others a little greater hope for the holidays.

The journey for Gary and Dave began in the coastal community of Pass Christian, Mississippi. Hurricane Katrina wiped out seventy percent of Pass Christian's homes, schools and churches. To prepare for reconstruction, volunteers were sent to Pass Christian for "de-mudding" - the unpleasant task of cleaning bacteria filled structures, stripping rotten carpets, tearing out moldy drywall and moving debris to

landfill areas. Volunteers also offered emotional and spiritual encouragement to the residents who are still dealing with a sense of despair three months after hurricane-force rains have subsided.

Hurricane devastation is all too familiar to the residents of Pass Christian. In 1969, Hurricane Camille hit the town with a category five force causing significant damage. The Pass Christian City Hall was rebuilt in 1970 and is dedicated to the memory of the many victims of Hurricane

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The Wilmington Rotary Club held its annual auction on Friday evening. The auction has become a highly anticipated yearly event which helps raise money for the Rotary Club's various forms of community service. Pictured here, Auctioneer, Robert Peterson accepts bids for the item being displayed by Victoria Ellsworth.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Wilmington's Drive-thru volcano

By CAPT. LARZ NEILSON

WILMINGTON - Few people who drive to Woburn by way of Main Street realize, when they near the Woburn-Wilmington line, that they are driving through an ancient volcano.

Alongside the road is a cliff of basaltic rock. On top, where it may be seen in springtime, is a slight depression, which fills with water in the spring rains. This is the throat of an ancient volcano, up which was thrown hundreds of thousands of tons of molten lava, all of this having been hundreds of millions years ago.

There is no danger that the old volcano will ever erupt. It can be recognized for what it is only by persons trained in geology.

The history of the land which is now Wilmington began about 500 million years ago when what is now New England emerged from the ancient seas. Beneath the land which

emerged, there was hot molten material known as magma, which kept trying to force its way to the surface. It would explore and find cracks, and then cool into enormous masses of igneous rock - rock which we today call granite.

The Quincy granites were formed at this time, as were granites all over New England. The type and grade of granite depended entirely on how close to the earth's surface the molten magmas were able to get. If the magma was close to the surface, it cooled rapidly and formed a fine granite. If it did not get too close, it took longer to cool, and became coarse granite.

In the period of which we are writing, there was no Boston Harbor. It was yet to be made by the sinking of the Boston Basin, but it was as a direct result of that sinking that the volcanoes of Eastern Massachusetts were formed, volcanoes in what is now Woburn, Winchester, Reading and Wilmington.

After the granites of which we have spoken had been formed there was a new geologic era in what is now the Boston suburbs, one in which the pudding stones of Roxbury were formed. The seas had again covered the land. Slates were formed in some places,

from clays that were deposited on the bottom of that sea. In Wilmington, the soils that were deposited became schist, although not much of it exists today. That which does can mostly be found in South Wilmington from Wood Hill, over by the Burlington line, to Suncrest Acres, off West Street.

Schist is a soft stone which breaks easily into layers, an important feature, for it was this tendency together with others which led to the bankruptcy of a Nevada firm which tried to drill through the rocks of Wilmington's volcano.

The hard coals of eastern Pennsylvania and the soft

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BABY FACE: June Thullier, Annette Burns, Millie Niles and Bernie Sprague with Steve Flynn performing "Baby Face" at the Tewksbury Senior Center Variety Show held this weekend at the Wynn Middle School. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

School lunch menus Week of November 28

WILMINGTON SCHOOLS

Wildwood & Boutwell
Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, green peas, apple slices.
Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, cup of soup, veggie sticks and dip, mixed fruit cup.
Wednesday: Early Dismissal. French toast sticks, ham and cheese sticks, baby carrots, applesauce.
Thursday: Mozzarella sticks, marinara sauce, green beans, pears.
Friday: Pizza Day. Steamed veggie, assorted fruit.

Wilmington Elementary
Monday: Mozzarella dippers, marinara sauce, green beans, pears.
Tuesday: BBQ rib on a roll, potato wedges, steamed corn, applesauce.
Wednesday: Early Dismissal. French toast, baked sausage, crunchy baby carrots, cinnamon apples.
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, baked potato rounds, peas, applesauce.
Friday: Sal's Pizza, steamed vegetable, fruit cup.

Wilmington Middle School
Monday: Chicken nuggets with assorted dips, mini potato pancakes, green peas, cinnamon apples.
Tuesday: BBQ ribs, potato wedges, green beans, pretzel bites, peaches and cream.
Wednesday: Early Dismissal. French toast sticks, baked sausage, baby carrots, cinnamon apples.
Thursday: Pizza dippers, marinara sauce, California vegetable medley, pears.
Friday: Sal's Pizza, steamed vegetable, assorted fruit.

Wilmington High School
Monday: BBQ rib on a roll, oven fries, green beans, sliced peaches.
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, whipped potato, green peas, wheat dinner roll, cranberry sauce.
Wednesday: Early Dismissal. French toast sticks, baked sausage, hash brown patty, cin-

namon apples.
Thursday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or veggie burger, potato wedges, sweet corn, mixed fruit.
Friday: Sal's Pizza, vegetable of the day, assorted fruit cup.

TEWKSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Monday: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, baked potato, peas and carrots, jello with topping, fruit or juice, milk.
Tuesday: Ravioli with tomato sauce, garden salad with dressing, Italian bread slice, fruit or juice, milk.
Wednesday: Hot dog on a roll, baked beans, cottage cheese, tater tots, chocolate chip cookie, fruit or juice, milk.
Thursday: Tomato soup, toasted cheese sandwich, seasoned green beans, wheat thins, fruit or juice, milk.
Friday: The Max Pizza, tossed salad with dressing, seasoned pasta, graham crackers, fruit or juice, milk.

SHAWSHEEN TECH

Monday: Cheese ravioli with meat sauce, green beans, whole wheat roll, salad, fruit, milk.
Tuesday: Oven crisp chicken, mashed potato, corn, cranberry sauce, whole wheat roll, fruit, milk.
Wednesday: 1/2 Day. No Lunch
Thursday: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, mashed potato, mixed vegetable, whole wheat roll, fruit, milk.
Friday: Sal's pizza, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Marine Corps Toys for Tots at West Real Estate

WILMINGTON - West Real Estate is pleased to announce its ninth year of involvement in the US Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots program. "We are pleased to assist the Marines in making Christmas a little brighter for needy families," said Karen West, co-owner of West Real Estate. "We often take for granted that there are families less fortunate than we are and that they too deserve to have a festive holiday season."

West Real Estate wants to invite the community to participate in two events that they are sponsoring this year at their office at their new location at 386 Main Street, Wilmington.

On Saturday, December 3th, from 12-4 p.m. is the Annual Photo with Santa Day. For a new toy or cash donation, families will receive three 4x6 photos (plus negatives). Good little boys and girls can have their photos taken with Santa Claus, elves and Marines. These pho-

tos make great Christmas cards. There will be lots of fun, raffles, door prizes, and plenty of refreshments. Everyone is invited to join in the holiday fun and help the Marine Corps Toys for Tots!

The second event is on Sunday, December 4th, from 1-3 p.m. For a new toy or cash donation (\$5 minimum), fans can receive an autographed 8x10 photo of wrestling legend Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake. Fans are encouraged to bring their cameras.

For further details and updates to these events, check out their site www.WESTRE.com often as further surprises may be added. West Real Estate wants to remind the residents that they are an official US Marines TOYS FOR TOTS drop off location throughout the holiday season and are available to answer questions regarding their events at (978) 658-1754 or fjwest@westre.com.

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The Tewksbury Senior Center held their variety show last weekend at the Wynn Middle School. (front l-r): Virginia Barbour, Van Henderson, Nancy McDevitt, Marlene DeBay, Pat Whittemore and (back l-r): Rita Richardson, Anna Kemp, Marilyn Sullivan, Martie Twombly, Sylvia Cobb, Dorothy Kapust, Barbara Rich and Ruth Fortier performed a country western line dance for the audience. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Wilmington Chamber of Commerce notes

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars

- December 3rd - 9th Annual Photo with Santa Toys for Tots Event 12-4 p.m. @ West Real Estate, 368 Main St, Wilmington
- December 4th - Meet Wrestling Legend Brutus "The Barbar" Beefcake, Toys for Tots Event 1-3 p.m. @ West Real Estate
- December 12th - Malden Chamber of Commerce Multi-Chamber Holiday Party Kowloon Restaurant,

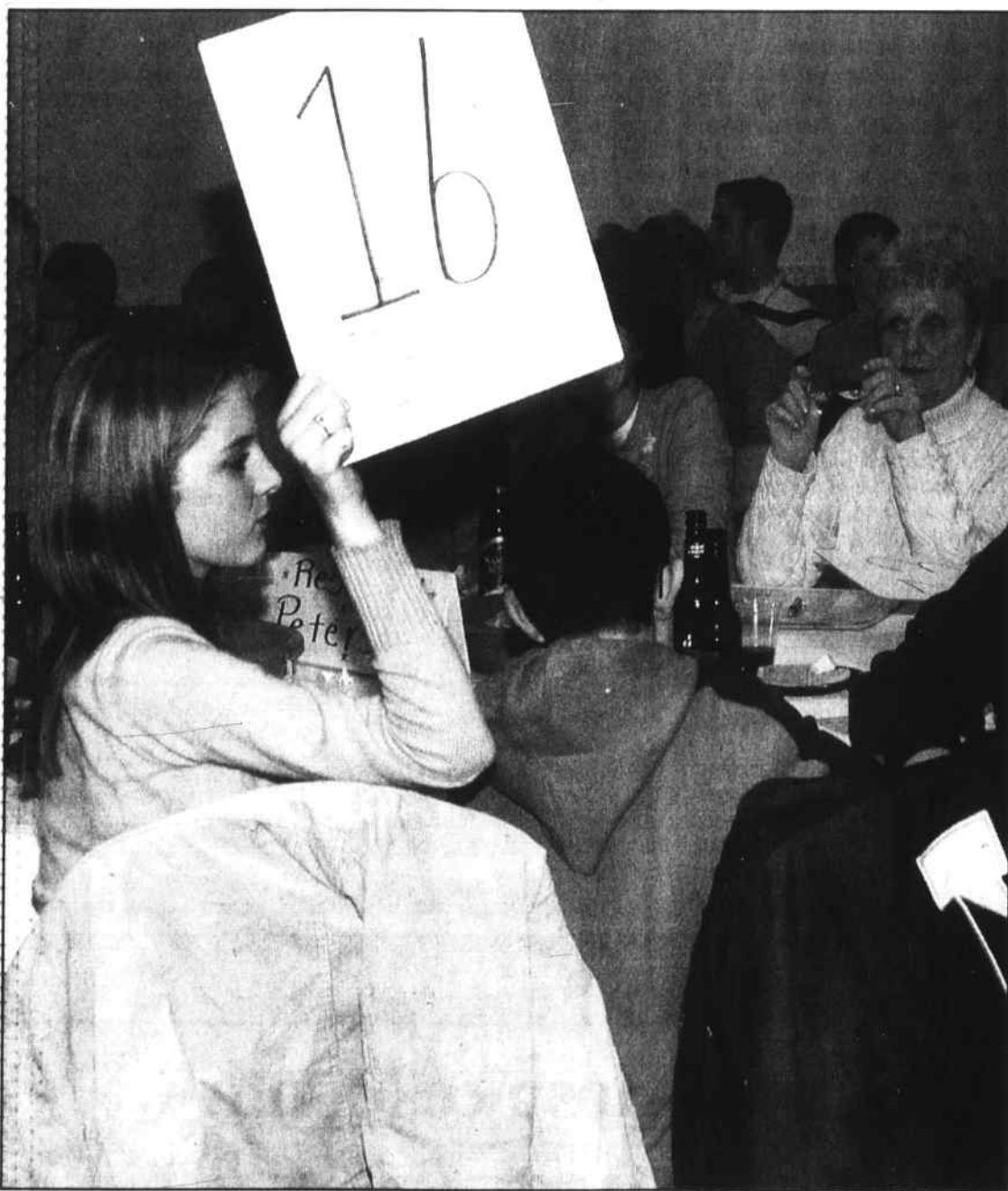
Rt. 1, Saugus - Cocktails 5:30 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m., \$35.00 per person

- December 16th - Casa di Fior, Wilmington "Biggest Little Christmas Party" 7-12 p.m. Book your party today! 978-658-9000
- January 12th - "Kick Off the New Year" Open House Luncheon, Knights of Columbus Hall, 12-1:30 p.m. Open to all! Members and non-members welcome. Featured topic of discussion is Effective Network-ing.

- Late January 2006 - Winter Business Card Exchange, Wilmington Area, details to follow

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Katie Kilday bid on items for auction at the Rotary Club fundraiser at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus on Friday night. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)



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Letters to the editor

...as directed by McCoy

Dear Editor,

I'd like to respond to Selectman Michael V. McCoy's letter in last week's paper. As directed by Selectman McCoy, I went to the library to check my facts regarding the utilization of the conference room. Mr. McCoy said the conference room was used 34 hours in October, 2005. In fact, the conference room was formally booked for 105 hours during the 252 hours the library was open. There were 7 adult programs, 3 teen programs and 20 children's programs that month in the conference room. There were meetings for staff, Friends of the Library and Trustees. I volunteer several hours each month to sort books for the upcoming Book Sale in the conference room, and there were 4 community groups that also used the room in October. In addition to these 105 hours, staff members work many unquantified hours in the conference room to prepare for programs, displays and other tasks that need more than a square foot of desk space. Also, approximately one fourth of the room is used as primary storage for the Children's Room.

In my opinion, this usage is substantial and critical to the offerings of the public library to the community. It may be that Selectman McCoy, even faced with these facts, still believes this is underutilized space. That would be a difference of opinion. It may be that he misunderstands library statistics and believes that the number of programs in a month represents the number of hours of usage.

Praise for McCoy

Dear Editor,

In response to the recent library vote, no matter which side of the library issue someone was on, the process was fair. Both sides stated their cases and the issue was voted on in favor of not building a new library at this time. In particular, I would like to recognize Selectman McCoy. I was in favor of a new library, but I appreciate Selectman McCoy's opinion.

He is never afraid to stand up for what he believes in and like him or not, he does at least always have an opinion. I feel that he has been unfairly criticized regarding this issue.

There are a couple other issues that I would like to hear more discussion/debate on. One of which is a new town hall. I don't understand the talk of a need for a new town hall. Where is this coming from? Granted, the current town hall is not exactly a nice place to visit, but how often does the average person go to the town hall? Unless you are a town employee that works there, or go to vote there, vir-

Only he can say.

The only way a community can move forward is to work together. I wish Selectman McCoy had approached the trustees or the library staff and asked the questions "Is the conference room underutilized?" and "Would it be a good idea to put some computer workstations in the room?" I would have loved the opportunity to invite Selectman McCoy to attend some story hour programs, children's book discussions, musical programs timed to appeal to seniors, or even help me lift a few boxes for the Book Sale. We could respond to questions with facts, or "show and tell", and come up with some mutual understanding, and maybe even some solutions to problems.

The staff, Trustees, and Friends of the Library have worked and volunteered thousands of hours in an attempt to improve and expand library service. It is hurtful to have a town official say that this work is not of value to the community which is the implication when he stands in the room where so much of our work is carried out and says the room is underutilized.

If, in looking at the above facts, Selectman McCoy still feels that I am misleading the community, I extend my sincerest apologies.

Respectfully,
Karen Campbell
Library Trustee

tually never. Both sides of the library issue would probably agree that a new town hall is something that Wilmington can do without. Just another expense, that isn't needed right now.

The Whitefield School. There was talk of this becoming the new library in 2002, then of senior housing. What happened to this issue on the use of the Whitefield School? It should be used for something useful, rather than just a DPW building. There is too much land at that location for it to be wasted, as it currently is. This would be a perfect location for senior housing with the businesses of North Wilmington within walking distance. This to me is a no-brainer that most people would agree on.

Let's all get past the library issue and on to some other pressing issues for the town of Wilmington.

Thanks,
B.P. Kane
Wilmington

A 'Horrible' thank-you

Dear Editor:

On Sunday, October 23, 2005 the Recreation Department sponsored the 38th Annual Horribles Parade. Hundreds of children and their families marched from the Public Safety Building to the Wilmington High School Cafeteria where treats galore awaited. To the delight of all, a fire truck and police escort led the way. A photogenic fall setting indoors was made possible with the donation of hay bales, cornstalks and pumpkins from the Woburn Street School PAC.

We estimate that approximately 700 children participated in this event. The success of an event of this size requires the support of many organizations within town. Special thanks to A & A Industrial Supply, Burger

King, CVS, Dr. Abrahamian D.D.S., Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins, Dunkin Donuts (321 Main Street), Kiwanis Club of Wilmington, Porchside Sandwich Company, Tewksbury-Wilmington Elks, Wilmington Fire Department, Wilmington Fourth of July Committee and Wilmington Police Department for their contributions.

Sincere thanks also to the dozens of volunteers who decorated, distributed candy and in general helped everyone enjoy this Halloween tradition. I am grateful to everyone who helped to make this event an overwhelming success.

Sincerely yours,
Deborah Cipriani
Recreation Director
Wilmington



Everything's A Story

by Andrea MacMullin

I am ready. I am ready for a golden turkey, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, gravy, stuffing and pie, lots of pies. Yes, I'm preparing the elastic in my pants as we speak.

It's that wonderful annual holiday where family and friends gather for one purpose, and one purpose only, to eat oneself into such an uncomfortable state that only overeating would allow, only to do it again hours later. Oh yes, there's the whole being thankful thing, but after the Grace and Thanksgivings are given and before you can put a napkin in your lap, it's every man, woman, and child for themselves of who can fit just one more helping of sweet potato pie.

Now that I am an adult and have graduated from the kid's table, it's a whole new experience. And less food, I might add. There's no shortage of green bean casserole and creamed onions at the kids table. No self-respecting five-year old will be having onions on their plate this

Thanksgiving. There's a lot to be thankful for, but creamed onions aren't one of them.

Each year as families arrive, there are casseroles and dessert plates coming through the door to fill an already abundant table. I'm usually in charge of a traditional pie or two, and this year is no different. With one exception. Turnip. I'm in charge of turnip.

I had turnip once. I didn't like it. Which would be why I have no idea how to prepare it. But, not wanting to admit defeat, I agree.

The recurring advice I keep hearing from turnip experts is that I will need help, i.e., strong, manly expertise in actually getting to the turnip. As I stare at the rather hard, not very attractive vegetable, I notice that it's skin resembles a thick coating of plastic similar to what can be found on a basketball. I can only assume my paring knife will be unable to puncture it.

After I break open the boun-

tiful turnip my only task left is to boil, mash, and add enough butter and salt as taste buds will allow. No candied coating, no creamy sauce. My little turnip will be in last place at the Thanksgiving pageant for best presentation.

But alas, I will do my best with my often-misunderstood vegetable. When I arrive for Thanksgiving dinner with my unassuming turnip, I will set her next to the crimson cranberries, the brilliant orange glazed carrots, the bright green bean casserole, and the other glistening colors of a Thanksgiving table.

She will hold her own for the first round, but as the forks move slower, and the selection for the final helping is seen as a critical decision, little turnip will be passed by. Her day is done. She has served her purpose, and served it well. She is not a complainer, she is faithful vegetable. She has

been there from the beginning, and is never discouraged by the beauty and luster of others. I think of her as a stoic and gracious vegetable, an acquired taste that only a refined generation could appreciate.

Yes, after some thought, I think I do like turnip, she is faithful friend that I simply cannot abandon. I must do my best to give her a good showing. This year, she will sit beside the turkey and mashed potatoes and gravy. She will prove herself in the second helpings, and make me proud.

This year I am thankful for the opportunity to provide turnip as one of the glorious vegetables for Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving everyone, and please, eat the turnip.



Quick Health Tips

by Dr. Leslee Quick

Sleepiness & the holidays

The holiday rush will soon begin and, unlike other big holidays that many celebrate, Thanksgiving is the one day that centers around two things only: giving thanks for what we've been given and... food. Lots of food!

Most of us have feasted, with quite vigor, on the traditional turkey and fixins' that accompany it. And besides making sure you brought enough belt to loosen a notch or two, most of us want nothing more after such a feast than to place the day on hold long enough for a nap break. Unfortunately, that never happens, at least not in my neck of the woods.

So what makes us want to take this cat nap after dinner? Is it the fear of having to clean dishes? Possibly. However, the turkey is what often gets the bad rap as the culprit of the after dinner lethargy. But the truth is that although turkey does play a part, you could omit the meat and still feel the tiring affects of the dinner. Therefore, let us break down the traditional Thanksgiving meal and its affects on the body.

Turkey, which is actually a very lean meat with many healthful vitamins and minerals, contains the amino acid, L-tryptophan. Amino acids are the basics or "building blocks" for proteins that make up our muscles and other important tissues. L-trypto-

phan is one of many essential amino acids, meaning the body cannot manufacture it and must get it from the food that we eat.

L-tryptophan is used in the body to produce the B-vitamin, niacin. Niacin, in turn, is used in the production of serotonin, which produces a relaxing affect on the body.

This relaxing affect has some contribution to our lethargy after such a great dinner. However, for the majority of us, we don't get tired everytime we eat a turkey sandwich. In addition, many experts claim that the body won't produce additional serotonin during meals because tryptophan works best on an empty stomach. So what else can be contributing to the tiresome feelings?

Fats found in butter, thick gravy, pumpkin pie, and other yummys take a lot of your energy to digest, slowing down the digestive process. Blood flow is redirected to the digestive system to make the process more efficient, which makes you feel less energetic.

Alcohol is a depressant of the central nervous system, which enhances the feeling of sleepiness.

Overeating is a tendency at this time. And with this tendency as we give thanks for the bountiful feast, all our energy is being used to digest the large meal that we are not

used to eating. As with the large intake of fats, the blood flow is directed to the digestive system and away from other organs, including the nervous system, which only adds to the nap factor.

Carbohydrates, which are found in high content in corn, potatoes, stuffing, pie, etc., stimulate the pancreas to secrete insulin, causing some amino acids to compete with tryptophan and leave the bloodstream to enter the muscles cells. This reaction causes a relative increase in the ratio of tryptophan in the bloodstream.

So, now you are loaded with nutritional information. That said, do you still want to indulge? Of course. Well, in order to do so and feel relatively awake afterwards, I suggest you do the following:

- o Eat extra healthy prior to the big meal. Starvation is only going to worsen the nap factor.
- o Eat smaller portions, especially carbohydrates. Try only one portion, rather than three.
- o Eat your vegetables! More vegetables not only make you fuller faster, but the other wonderful health benefits are a given.
- o Drink lots of water, especially between any alcoholic beverages. The eight glass a day does not take a break for a holiday.
- o Eat slowly! This isn't a

race; There is a tomorrow. And when haven't there been leftovers? It takes your stomach about twenty minutes to register itself as being full. As with any advice for those on weight loss programs, the more slowly you eat, the fuller you feel with less.

o Stop eating once you experience feeling full. Leftovers are always available later.

o Take a walk afterwards to digest your meal

If you are reading this after the thanks has been given, this advice also pertains to many other holidays, so - gobble, gobble and stay awake to help clean the dishes! Have a happy and healthy holiday!

Dr. Leslee Quick is a co-owner of Quick Chiropractic Associates at 230 Lowell Street and a Wilmington resident. Dr. Quick received her Doctorate of Chiropractic Degree from New York Chiropractic College, with a concentration in Nutrition, and a Certification in Applied Kinesiology. She lectures to organizations and companies regarding health issues, nutrition and chiropractic care and has been in practice for 6 years.

Letters to the editor

November is National Hospice Month

To the Editor:

November is National Hospice Month. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the staff and volunteers of Merrimack Valley Hospice for the high quality care they provide to patients and families who are coping with life limiting illnesses in this region. Whether patients are at home, in a hospital, a long-term care facility, or in an assisted living facility, the staff at Merrimack Valley Hospice offers patients the physical, spiritual and emotional care vital to those nearing the end of life.

Merrimack Valley Hospice offers a compassionate approach to care of the terminally ill that emphasizes comfort care to patients and emotional support to families. Our dedicated, interdisciplinary teams of health care professionals and volunteers provide a wide range of services so that terminally ill patients can live their last months surrounded by family and friends. We hold a passionate belief that hospice is about living, not about dying. It's about living as fully as possible, until the end of life. Merrimack Valley Hospice serves more than 1,500 terminally ill individuals and their families each year

and our chaplains and bereavement coordinators provide support groups and other services to hundreds more.

On Friday, November 4th, Merrimack Valley Hospice kicked off National Hospice Month with their 4th Annual Wine Tasting at the Andover Country Club. Special thanks go to the many sponsors, board members, volunteers and staff who contributed to this critical fundraising event. I am also grateful to Sam Messina and Messina Liquors of North Andover. Without his generous donation of wines, our event would not have been the success that it was. And to Steve Janavicus of Flowers by Steve whose donation transformed the Andover Country Club to a wonderland of flowers. And, thanks to all those who generously donated wine for the silent auction. Many wine collections and limited edition wines made the auction interesting and exciting. And of course, thanks to our many friends and supporters who attended this year's sell-out event!

Merrimack Valley Hospice relies on the generosity and support of the community to help us provide care for those most in need. Proceeds from this event will be used to

insure that hospice care is available for all patients and their families in need, regardless of their ability to pay.

I hope to see you all next

year at our 5th annual Wine Tasting.

Sincerely,
Joan Stygles Hull RN, MBA
President/CEO

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NEVER A SLAVE TO FASHION: Brittany Flibotte was fabulous as she was escorted by Tewksbury phys. ed teacher Mr. Steve Levine at the Tewksbury DECA Fashion show. Mr. Levine's fashion sense came up just a little short.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)



Wilmington artist, Renee, releases album

Brittany Renee Marcou, known in the Music Industry as Renee, is a seventeen year old senior at Wilmington High School. This talented vocal artist has been working throughout this summer on writing lyrics, singing, and co-producing her new album of which the first two tracks debuted last week.

Renee kicked off the release of her new single on Wednesday night to a full house at the Mr. & Mrs. WHS show with her song "Best Thing That You Ever Had". Renee says, "I love singing and performing and feeling a connection with the audience, the thrill is incredible. The positive feedback I get from the crowd is what inspires me to fulfill my dreams." Renee studied classical and is now focused on the mixed genres of pop/R&B with Ric Poulin,

Producer and Owner of Bristol Recording Studios in Boston. Ric says, "Renee's musical abilities and song writing depth are far beyond her years."

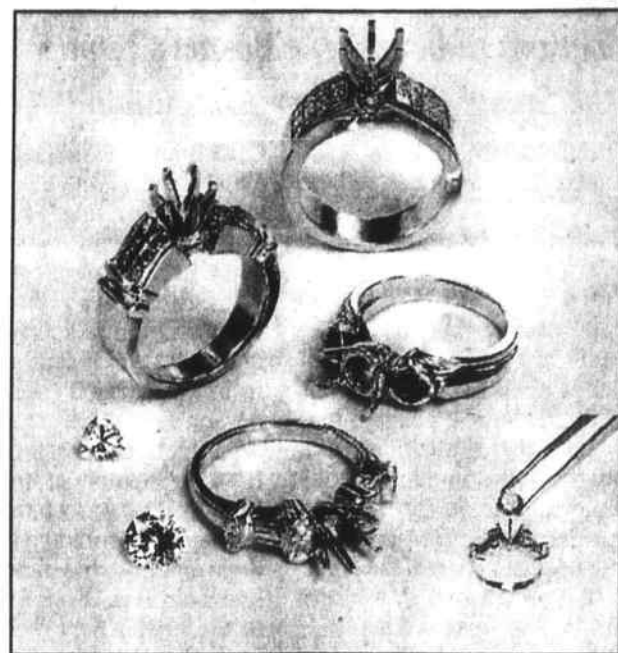
Renee has performed at the Paul Tsongas Arena, weddings in New York and Massachusetts and at many local events around the Boston area. She is an official singer of the National Anthem at WHS sporting events for girls volleyball and soccer.

Renee has been the artistic leader behind all of her endeavors; designing the set and clothing of her photo shoots, writing all of her own lyrics, and choreographing her own performances. "I am enjoying the musical journey I am on and I can't wait to see what happens next!"

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Fred C. Church Insurance was founded in 1865. In addition to its Lowell headquarters, the company has locations in Andover, Chelmsford, Dracut, Littleton, Methuen, Tewksbury, and Woburn, Massachusetts, and in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

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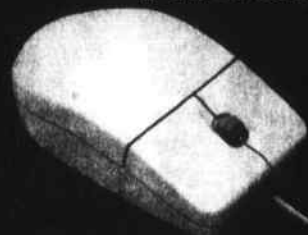
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WILMINGTON - Mark your calendar for November 30th to receive a free chiropractic examination while helping a worthy cause.

With a tax deductible donation to the Boston Chapter of the Spinal Cord Injury Association, Quick Chiropractic Associates of Wilmington will conduct free new patient examinations, chiropractic adjustments, and 10-minute chair massages.

Appointments are currently being booked between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This is a prime opportunity for people without comprehensive health insurance to receive a new patient exam without incurring great expense. Please note, however, that a new patient exam does not guarantee an adjustment. Adjustments will be provided at the complete discretion of qualified personnel and may depend on the health of the individual and whether further testing is needed.

"Neither genes nor age play a part of spinal cord injuries," said Dr. Leslee Quick, Co-owner of Quick Chiropractic Associates. "It is a something that can happen to anyone, at any time."

According to current estimates, 250,000 to 400,000 individuals are currently living with Spinal Cord Injury or Spinal Dysfunction. Males make up 82 percent of those figures, with females making up 18 percent. The highest per capita rate of injury occurs between the ages of 16 and 30, but the average age at the time of injury is 33.4.

The major causes of Spinal

Cord Injury include motor vehicle accidents (44%), acts of violence (24%), falls (22%), and sports (8%), with two-thirds of those from diving).

"A close friend of our family - an attorney, avid sportsman and father of two - recently suffered from a fall which rendered him paraplegic," Quick said. "With organizations such as the Boston Chapter of the Spinal Cord Injury Association, these people become educated about their options and how to best live their lives. They bring hope to those who may feel there is none."

The Greater Boston Chapter of NSCIA is a 501 (c) (3) organization working to empower, inspire, and support individuals and their families affected by spinal cord injury and paralysis throughout Massachusetts.

GBC provides high quality support, access to resources, vital information, peer visitors, advocacy and educational information. From the moment of injury, GBC provides one-on-one services to the newly injured and those around them as they learn to cope with dramatic change and adjust to post-injury life.

To further its charitable purpose, GBC welcomes individual, corporate and foundation support. Every gift helps and contributions by checks, gifts of securities and other property may be made to GBC.

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Quick Chiropractic Associates is located at 230 Lowell Street in Wilmington, MA

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FOR NOW! JUST FOR NOW.



Opinion piece

For Your Thoughts

By Don Ordway

To begin with I must apologize to the choir and to the innocent for the anger that I can no longer control.

This article addresses getting in touch with our feelings and the Presidents war effort.

As Americans at war we need to all pull in the same direction. This is not the time for a "tug of war."

When you finish reading this article some of you will be calling me every name in the book while others hopefully will reassess their positions. The fact that many of us are not in Iraq does not mean that we have the right to sit silently on the sidelines while Americans are dying. As long as we have soldiers on the battlefield I intend to speak out, please join me.

We are Americans and we are free. The price of freedom does not have a price tag; however, as you know freedom is not free. Many Americans want to do more; many Americans want to do nothing. Many Americans want to put and end to the violence while others prefer to criticize the war effort while doing nothing.

Whatever happened to the weapons of mass destruction?

We know that the WMD did exist and we know that Saddam Hussein is a madman that welcomed the opportunity to use these weapons whenever possible. With that knowledge thinking Americans chose not to wait for him to carry out additional acts of violence. There are Americans that continue to place forward the argument that the WMD did not exist and that we were all misled by the President as he took us off to war. I for one was not misled and I have no doubt that our President did the right thing. I regret the liberation delay that gave Hussein time to relocate his WMD program. I believe that we waited too long before acting.

Americans were attacked many times by terrorist before 9/11/01. How many attacks should we ignore? The entire Middle East is a haven for terrorist and that includes Iraq. If that comes as a surprise to anyone I urge them to do more research they are not being fair to themselves or to their country.

It may be true that we were deceived by the weapons inspectors and a weakened CIA; however, we were not deceived by Saddam Hussein. He has a long history of abuse that clearly defines him as less than humane. Showing the bottom of your shoe to Saddam Hussein could be your final act in life. This response is the act of a madman.

The Americans opposing the President are selfish, ignorant, blind and poorly informed they owe it to their country to get on board, now. The WMD do exist and the threat to the world is real. The President was wrong to ignore and to allow these left wing attacks on the war effort to continue day after day without responding in the strongest possible terms. The President ignored the Left Wing activist hoping they would go away instead they were emboldened.

The left wing anti-war crowd believes that there were no WMD and therefore we were led into war under false pretenses. This wild and crazy theory put forward by the left wing propelled their flawed logic throughout the country and the world. It served no

purpose other than to undermine our President and our troops fighting on the battlefield. Their flawed logic did accomplish their goal and the undermining was effective. Unfortunately more Americans are dying each and everyday because of their senseless actions. The ultimate goal of the anti-war crowd is to take the colors out of the American flag "Old Glory", leaving us with a white flag.

I would like to offer this bit of wisdom hoping to release the hate toward our President from their left leaning hearts as I pray for change.

If the President had not acted Saddam Hussein would still be killing and torturing his people. The war in Iraq is about much more than Saddam Hussein, he is behind bars out of circulation and the war continues. Saddam was given the opportunity to tell the world what he had done with his weapons of Mass Destruction. He refused to provide that information while his allies in France, Germany, Russia and the U.N. filled their pockets becoming quite wealthy as they convinced Saddam to stonewall. All were on Hussein's payroll including the U.N.

The truth regarding the WMD program may have set Saddam free; however, his ego would not allow that to happen. Saddam was more interested in embarrassing the President.

Saddam's silence continues today as he holds out hope that he will soon be free to return to his evil ways. Liberal Americans continue to provide false hope to this evil, Godless man.

If anyone believes that the chapter on WMD has ended think again. The closer we get to a democracy in the Middle East the more dangerous our enemies will become. The WMD will soon show their ugly heads, the only question in my mind is where they will surface. We can win this fight now or we can respond to Terrorist attacks for another century, it is our choice.

The Terrorist were convinced that Americans would cut and run. They were wrong. They failed to realize that our mili-

tary has never been a problem, always determined and always prepared. Our problems in the past were generated in Washington D.C. Today things are different in the nation's capital. We now have a Commander in Chief that believes in God, believes in America, believes in freedom and believes in democracy. The President is willing to die, if necessary to secure any one of those goals. As the President often states freedom is the right of every human being given to all of us by God and should never be taken away.

President Bush is the right person at the right time, serving in the right place. He is no John Kerry and that is why we remain reasonably safe today. Who knows what tomorrow will bring. We must win the war on terror decisively today if we are to live free tomorrow.

Everyday we watch our brave men & women give their lives for so many Americans that are not deserving or worthy of their sacrifice. We recognize the people that are attacking the President, we know who they are we have seen them before. We saw them in Woodstock armed with their non prescription pharmaceuticals and now they are in our classrooms teaching hate for America to our children. They are partially responsible for the Terrorist attacks on 9/11/01, they are completely responsible for prolonging the war in Iraq.

Our grandchildren will move closer to a peaceful world because of our actions today. This battle is not with the President it is with evil. Democracy will bring a new birth of freedom to the Middle East that will in time become contagious spreading throughout the world. This is what the terrorist fear the most. They will lose their power of fear over the people.

The President has the most dangerous job in the world and needs our support. You can do your part in this peace movement. I urge the Presidents supporters to speak out and the rest of you to listen as you wait for Hillary, Howard and John to arrive on the scene in 2008. GOD BLESS America.

Tewksbury Lions to host Christmas party

Tewksbury Lion's Club will host a Christmas party on Saturday, December 10th from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., to benefit the administration fund. Event will be held at the U.S. Bunting Club, 449 Boylston St., Lowell, MA. D.J. Paul Belley and his talents will provide music for dancing. Mr and Mrs. Claus will

be there, too. Bring a gift under \$10 for a Yankee swap and enjoy the buffet and hot cider. There will be a cash bar.

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RMLD issues customer advisory Scheduled blackouts may be unavoidable

READING - As many of you are aware, the escalating cost of fuel is a great concern to all of us this winter. To make matters worse, the potential shortage of natural gas for home heating and electrical generation due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita are cause for more concern. Massachusetts gets nearly half its electricity from

natural gas generation. Officials at Independent System Operator (ISO) New England who manage the six-state electric grid warn that a cold winter could force them to shut off power to hundreds of thousands of people and businesses for one or two hours at a time to conserve available electricity. Gordon van Welie,

ISO's chief executive, said ISO is appealing for conservation, encouraging some gas-powered plants to switch to oil and increasing imports of electricity from Canada and New York if possible (to replace shortages in the Gulf of Mexico). But van Welie acknowledged that scheduled blackouts may be unavoidable.

"If it does become necessary to reduce load in the RMLD territory, we will schedule intervals that last between 30 and 60 minutes, not two hours," said Energy Services Manager Jane Parenteau. "We hope that we do not reach this point and urge all of us to conserve."

RMLD encourages you to conserve on energy and to pay close attention to ISO New England media broadcasts on the airwaves and television news programs. Please visit the ISO website at iso-ne.com. Links to ISO can be found on the RMLD website, www.rmld.com. For more information call Customer Service at 781-944-1340.

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How does it work?

Raffle participants will pay \$10 for the chance to win one of 31 prizes - a different prize for every day of the month! The prizes include beautiful hand-made crafts and services donated by interested individuals and businesses.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are looking for volunteers to help us solicit donations to the raffle. Please contact me, Terry McDermott, at mcbeags@comcast.net if you are interested in learning more about this raffle, or if you have ideas for prizes that we could use as part of the raffle. Even if you cannot solicit donations from others, perhaps you have a craft or service you would like to donate yourself. We need to hear from you! The success of this raffle, as well as the entire effort to "Save Butters Farm" rests with all of us who care about preserving this important piece of American history.

Thank you. I look forward to hearing from you.

NARFE Chapter 507 Christmas party

The December meeting will be the NARFE Chapter 507 Christmas Party on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005 at the Hillview Country Club, 149 North Street, North Reading off Route 28. Time will be 12 noon for socializing and 1 p.m. for fine dining.

Choices of Entrees: Chicken in Marsala Sauce, Baked Haddock, or Baker Pork Chop w/ apple stuffing. All the above served with warm rolls, Chicken escarole soup, with fresh vegetable medley, tea, coffee and ice cream/chocolate or strawberry sauce. (your choice). Cost: \$18.00 per person, prize, entertainment by Bob Caruso.

Open Seating. Call Alice or Mike Modica at 781-944-1361 about going.

Checks payable to NARFE Chapter 507. Mailed to to Alice at 468 Franklin St. Reading, MA 01867. Deadline for reservations: Dec. 6, 2005.

Also, there is a Change in meeting dates. The Reading Senior Center has asked the chapter to change meeting date to accommodate their other Tuesday functions. So the meeting will be on January 4, 2006.

RMLD

Historical calendars ready on December 1

READING - The Reading Municipal Light Department's (RMLD) popular historical calendar will be available to the public on December 1. Customers can pick up the calendar at the RMLD business office, 230 Ash Street in Reading; Atlantic Supermarket, 30 Haven Street in Reading; Lucci's Supermarket, Route 129 in Wilmington; Karen's Bakery at the Colonial Shopping Center in Lynnfield and the New England Redemption Center, 158 Main Street in North Reading. Supplies will also be at the town halls, public libraries and senior centers in the four towns.

The calendars, which depict historical photos and their stories, contain prints from Reading, North Reading, Wilmington and Lynnfield and are eagerly awaited by thousands of RMLD customers each year. This year's cover features Sylvester Harnden's Mansion in the late 1800s, which was razed this year to make room for Walgreen's in Reading.

Century 21 Starwood of Wilmington

announced the winners of their Castleberry Craft Fair drawing at the Shriner's Auditorium Sunday, October 16th.



FIRST PRIZE - two Celtics tickets - were donated by Paul Buonopane of Contrywide Home Loans in Peabody. Arlene Iannaccone and a guest cheered on the Green when the Celtics met the Memphis Grizzlies at the TD Banknorth Garden on November 9th.



SECOND PRIZE, courtesy of Century 21 Starwood, was a holiday gingerbread house. The Jones family of Burlington enjoyed a sweeter Halloween this year as they feasted on the tasty abode with its snowcap roof and jelly bean trim. Their daughter Alison, 13, gave the entry form a kiss for good luck.

Harnden Tavern annual Holiday Social Dec 4th

Sunday, December 4, 2005 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Friends of the Harnden Tavern present their annual Holiday Social. Enjoy an old fashioned holiday at Wilmington's Town Museum, the Col. Joshua Harnden Tavern at 430 Salem Street (Route 62) in Wilmington. A donation of \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family is requested and, in addition to admission to an eighteenth century tavern decorated for the holidays, guests will enjoy music, refreshments, children's activities and more! For more details, call the Wilmington Town Museum at 978-658-5475.

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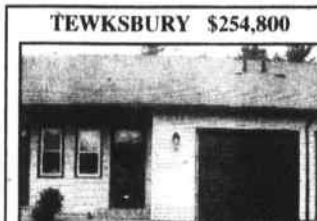
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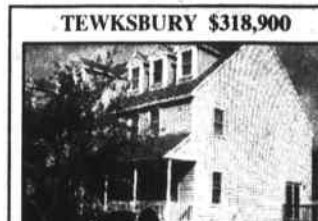
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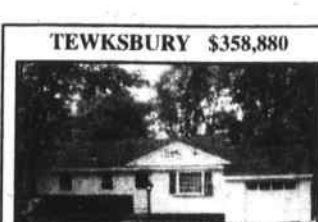
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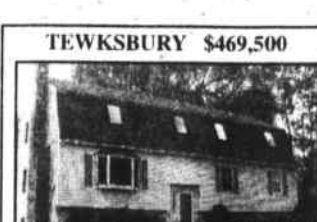
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Obituaries

Henry F. Halas

WWII veteran; worked for Sears and Roebuck

WILMINGTON - Mr. Henry F. "Hank" Halas, 82, of Wilmington, died unexpectedly, November 16, 2005, at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Mr. Halas was born January 11, 1923 in Chelsea, MA. He was the son of the late Anthony & Mary (Cynewski) Halas.

He lived in Chelsea during his youth and he graduated from Chelsea High School. He joined the U. S. Army during WWII and served his country overseas for many battles including the battle of Normandy, France. Hank returned to Chelsea, where he married and raised a family. He

became a resident of Wilmington 24 years ago. Prior to retirement, Hank was employed by Sears & Roebuck Company for many years where he worked in the Shipping/Receiving Department and he was a member of the Trucking Union Local #25.

In his spare time, Hank enjoyed working in the yard and feeding the squirrels. He was a lover of music and he enjoyed playing the organ.

Hank was the beloved husband of Beatrice A. (Goggin) Halas of Wilmington, devoted father of Barbara A. Riley & her husband William of Chicago, IL, and James Halas & his wife Kathy of Wilmington, loving grandfather

of Kevin Riley, Brian Riley & his wife Miho, Michael Halas and Katie Halas, brother of Chester Halas of Wilmington, Charles Halas and Helen Suchariewicz both of Lynn, Francis Halas of Lynnfield, and the late Anthony & John Halas of Chelsea.

His funeral was held from the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Monday morning at 9:00 followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Dorothy's Church at 10:00 a.m. Interment took place in Wildwood Cemetery. Memorial donation's in Hank's name may be made to St. Dorothy's Church, 11 Harnden St., Wilmington, MA 01887.

Richard J. Law

Engineer with IBM

Mr. Richard J. Law, 61, of Wilmington, died unexpectedly, November 18, 2005. Mr. Law was born in Haverhill, MA, he was the son of Emily M. (Comeau) of Haverhill and the late John F. Law. He grew up in Haverhill and graduated St. James High School.

He served his country in the U. S. Army during the Vietnam War. Upon graduation from Wentworth Institute in June of 1965, he went to work at IBM, Boston, as a customer engineer until his retirement 31 years later in 1996. He leaves many good friends from IBM days, and also many friends from Gillette Co, which was one of his longest-lasting accounts.

The joys of his life were his beautiful and hard-working

daughters, their husbands & their wonderful children. He enjoyed reading, an avid collector of model cars & coins, watching cooking shows, he loved to cook and prepare many festive holiday dinners, he especially enjoyed traveling through Maine and spending time in Plum Island. His newest toy was his red PT Cruiser Convertible, which his grandchildren got to enjoy also. As one of his grandsons so aptly put: "Pop was a good man" and he will be sorely missed by many. Richard was the beloved husband of Connie (Kelleher) Law, devoted father of Eileen & her husband Daniel Smalley, Beth & her husband James Magliano, Kate & her husband Fred Ryan, and Anne & her husband James Murray all of Wilmington, "Pop" of Alyssa, & Daniel Smalley,

Patrick & Anna Magliano, Conrad Donovan, & Julia Ryan, and Andrew & Jonathan Murray, brother of Geraldine Danforth of Haverhill, and the late Evelyn Gaudreault, also survived by many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, & close friends from his Haverhill days.

His funeral will be held from the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Wednesday at 10:00 followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Thomas Church at 11:00 a.m. Interment Wildwood Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held on Tuesday from 4 - 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers donation's in Richard's name may be made to the Childrens Hospital Boston, 77 Avenue Louis Pasteur, Boston, MA 02115.

Irene M. Larsen

President and Chief Financial Officer of Larco Wallboard, Inc

TEWKSBURY: Irene M. (LeBouef) Larsen, age 64, a lifelong resident of Tewksbury, died Saturday, November 19, 2005 at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH.

She was the wife of Alfred W. "Gus" Larsen, with whom she celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on June 11, 2005.

Born in Tewksbury, on June 16 1941, she was the daughter of Lillian (Seamans) LeBouef, who survives her of Tewksbury and the late Roland J. LeBouef.

Mrs. Larsen attended Tewksbury schools and graduated from Tewksbury High School in 1959.

She was a communicant of St. William's Parish of Tewksbury. Mrs. Larsen served as president

and chief financial officer of Larco Wallboard, Inc. of Tewksbury for the past 20 years. She was a member of the Tewksbury Red Hat Society.



In earlier years, she was an active fundraiser and supporter of the Tewksbury Pop Warner Football Program.

Mrs. Larsen enjoyed traveling, craft projects, painting and was an avid bowler.

In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by two daughters; Wendy I. (Larsen) Plant and her husband Gary M. Plant and Kristen A. (Larsen) LeBlanc and her husband Alfred

J. LeBlanc, Jr. all of Tewksbury; two sons; James S. Larsen and his wife Elizabeth (MacLean) of Windham, NH and Jeffrey A. Larsen of Tewksbury; eight grandchildren; Matthew A., Katelyn A. and Abigail I. Plant, Alfred J. LeBlanc, III, Bailey R. and Sam L. LeBlanc, Colby J. and Victoria E. Larsen; one sister; Janet Giuffrida of Dunstable; her sister-in-law, Ann L. Clayton and her husband Rev. Horace A. Clayton of Chelmsford; also many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours Tuesday, 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. at the Farmer & Dee Funeral Home, 16 Lee St., Tewksbury. Funeral Wednesday, 9 a.m., from the funeral home. Funeral Mass Wednesday, 10 a.m., at St. William's Church, 1351 Main St., Rte. 38, Tewksbury. Interment at Tewksbury Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Scholarship Fund for Tewksbury High School Cheerleaders, c/o Redmen Football Club, 9 Cleghorn Lane, Tewksbury, MA 01876 or to the Cancer Center at Lowell General Hospital, c/o Development Office, 295 Varnum Ave., Lowell, MA 01854 are requested.

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Christopher R. Norton

Stock Broker, Wilmington native

Christopher R. Norton, of Chelmsford, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Friday Evening, November 18, 2005. He was 50 years of age.

Born and raised in Wilmington, he was the son of the late Augustus T. Norton Jr., and the late Evelyn (Buck) Norton; and the husband of Beth-Ann "Missy" (McKee) Norton.

Chris grew up in Wilmington and attended Northern Essex Community College and Keene State College. Before he went into business for himself as a Stock

Broker, Chris had worked for Hewlett-Packard in Waltham and Andover for 15 years.

Chris and his wife had lived in Melrose and Woburn, prior to coming to Chelmsford 20 years ago.

In addition to his wife Beth-Ann, Christopher is also survived by one daughter, Meredith C. Norton of Chelmsford; two brothers, David T. Norton and his wife Deborah of North Hampton, NH, and Timothy E. Norton of Wilmington; sister in law and

brothers in law, Laura Gillespie and her husband Charles Pepperell, and Bruce McKee of Woburn. He is also survived by one nephew, Curtis Parker of Derry, NH; and his father in law, and mother in law, Bruce and Norma McKee of Woburn.

A funeral service will be held at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 585 Main St. (Rt. 38) Woburn on Wednesday, November 23, at 11:00 a.m.

Arrangements by the Graham Funeral Home, Woburn

Joseph A. Sullivan

Engineer for Raytheon

Mr. Joseph A. Sullivan, 68, of Tewksbury, went home to be with the Lord on November 18, 2005. Mr. Sullivan was born April 8, 1937, in Malden, MA, he was the son of the late Thomas C. & Lenore (Noon) Sullivan. He was raised in Saugus, MA, he graduated Saugus High School. Joe had been a resident of Tewksbury for over 45 years. Prior to retirement, he was employed as an engineer for Raytheon Company in Bedford and Tewksbury for many years. Joe was a member of the Gun Club in Billerica, he was a Radio Hamm Operator, he loved to play the guitar and was a "one man band" years ago.

Joe is survived by his beloved wife Shirley A. (Kyle) Sullivan with whom he would have celebrated their 50 year anniversary on November 28th. He was the



devoted father of Joseph W. Sullivan and his wife Josephine of Stonington, ME, grandfather of

Joseph A. Sullivan and Jamie Sullivan, brother of Thomas Sullivan, Jr. and his wife Anne Saugus, and the late William Sullivan, brother-in-law of Louise Sullivan of Salem, MA, John and Priscilla Kyle of Georgetown, Joe is also survived by 3 great-grandchildren and many nieces & nephews.

His funeral was held at the Wilmington Congregational Church, 220 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, on Tuesday, November 22, at 10:00 a.m. Interment Tewksbury Cemetery.

Visiting hours were held at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington. Memorial donation's in Joe's name may be made to the Wilmington Congregational Church.

Steven F. McGeoghegan

Owner of Ventson Air company; 41

WOBURN - Steven Francis McGeoghegan, age 41, of Woburn, the owner of a local company, died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005, at the Mass General Hospital in Boston, following a brief illness. He was the husband of Nancy D. (Miller) McGeoghegan.

He was born in Everett, on April 10, 1964, a son of William and Lucy (Ruscio) McGeoghegan, who reside in Tewksbury. He was raised in Tewksbury, and was a graduate of Tewksbury Memorial High School's Class of 1982. He lived in Billerica, before moving to Woburn four years ago.

He was the founder and owner of Ventson Air company. He was also well known in the area as a drummer.

Besides his wife and parents, he is survived by a daughter, Nicoletta of Woburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Douglas McGeoghegan and his wife Susan of Billerica, Paul McGeoghegan of Tewksbury, and Mary Jo Miller of Plaistow, NH; two nieces and a nephew, Shawn and Jaclyn McGeoghegan, and Devyn Miller; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was also son-in-law of Francis Miller of Arlington the late Mary (Kelly) Miller.

His funeral will be held Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 10:30 a.m.

at the Tewksbury Funeral Home corner of Dewey and Main Sts.



(Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 or 978) 851-2950. His funeral Mass will be celebrated Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in St. William's Church, 1351 Main St. (Rte 38) Tewksbury. Interment will be in Tewksbury Cemetery. Visiting hours will be Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials may be sent to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C. 20013 or online at www.redcross.org or <http://www.redcross.org> see: www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com

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Tewksbury Senior Topics

On behalf of the Council on Aging (COA) and staff, a fruitful and Happy Thanksgiving is extended to all our Senior Citizens and Tewksbury Residents. On this day of thanksgiving, please know that the COA and staff appreciate the many hours of volunteerism and the many acts of assistance extended to the Council over the last year... and especially during these last two months as we relocated the Senior Center to the "White House" at 460 East Street. With out everyone's help and the assistance of our Town department personnel and the personnel and Officers of those who govern our satellite sites, we would not be as settled as we are on this Thanksgiving Day. Thank you all and have a wonderful holiday season!

The Senior Center will be closed, Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 25th.

Congressman Marty Meehan's staff will sponsor a Medicare Part D seminar for Tewksbury Senior Citizen on Tuesday, December 6th beginning at 9:30 a.m. This seminar will be held at the Rod & Gun Club, 79 Chandler Street. It is anticipated that there will be a representative present from the SHINE Program, the Social Security Office and CSM. Tuesday light exercise participants should note that the exercise class will not be held on this day due to the seminar. Hot lunches and Zingo, however, will be held as usual.

SHINE Counselor, Susan Cripps, suggest that Senior Citizens who are visiting their families for Thanksgiving bring along a list of their prescriptions and the booklet they received on the Part D program...and ask their family to set aside just one hour to go over the details with them. This new program has been very confusing to many Seniors. While the Council has tried to provide seminars on the topic, it is very important that Senior Citizens be their own advocates and seek information from whatever source possible starting with family assistance. Those people who are on retirement plans with health coverage should call the personnel department from which they retired to seek information.

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Marilyn Moores was the "Cranky Nana" during the Tewksbury Senior's variety show held at the Wynn Middle School last weekend. She sang her own version of "My Favorite Things." (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

available for the Thursday, December 8th COA Annual Christmas Dinners and a waiting list is being compiled for the Saturday, December 10th dinner. One may inquire about the status of these events by dropping by the Senior Center or by contacting Carol Hazel at 978-640-4482. The dinners will be held at the Elks Hall this year and the cost of tickets is \$10 per Tewksbury Senior Citizen.

Senior Citizen MEMA volunteers are reminded that a training seminar will be held at Area 1/Tewksbury Hospital next Monday, November 28th at beginning at 10:00 a.m.

On Thursday, December 1st the Seniors will travel to Lantana in Randolph to see "That Christmas Feeling" show starring John MacNally. The cost of this trip is \$60. The trip includes motorcoach transportation, a turkey luncheon with all the trimmings and entertainment. Final payments are due by this Wednesday. If one is traveling on this day trip and has not been informed as to the departure time, please call the Senior Center to check on

the time. Travelers are also reminded that day trip parking and departures take place at the Playground Parking Lot off Livingston Street.

A day trip to the LaSalette Shrine has been planned for Wednesday, December 7th. This trip includes: mini coach transportation, a stop for lunch at the Hearth 'n Kettle Restaurant in Attleboro and then a visit to LaSalette. The cost is \$30 per person. One must sign-up by next Tuesday.

The COA is assisting Senior Citizens with Fuel Assistance applications. Those residents 60 and over who fall within the income guidelines may call the Senior Center at 978-640-4480 to schedule an appointment. When making an appointment one will be told what information and paperwork is needed for the application. Those residents under 60 may contact the Billerica Veteran's Agent at 978-671-0968 for assistance.

If one missed the informational meeting held in the Community room at the Tewksbury Public Library on November 3rd, Town Assessor Jay Kelley will conduct another meeting at the Tewksbury Library Community Room on Wednesday, December 14th at 9:00 a.m. At this meeting which was arranged by Selectman Jerry Selissen, Mr. Kelley will cover in detail the Tax, Water and Sewer deferral programs and other various programs offered including possible help with heating bills. This program is intended for residents of Tewksbury who may be on fixed incomes, unemployed or for various other reasons are experiencing financial difficulties. All are welcome to attend.

Those Senior Citizens and others who feel they may want to participate in School Committee member Keith Rauseo's program "Hands Across the Ages" which has been noted over the last couple of weeks in this column, should contact Mr. Rauseo at

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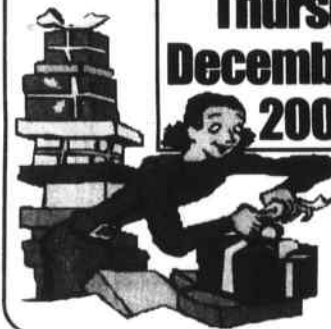
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Tewksbury Police Log

Monday, November 14

9:48 a.m. Police responded to 85 Main Street for a report of malicious damage to property. Joseph Peter Lisi, 41, of Dracut was arrested at the scene and was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, armed robbery, the malicious destruction of property valued over \$250.00 and disorderly conduct.

2:21 p.m. A motor vehicle was damaged maliciously on Mystic Avenue.

Wilfredo Ramos, 28, of Haverhill, was arrested in the vicinity of 875 East Street on the basis of a warrant.

Tuesday, November 15

7:31 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 3 Regan Road.

3:42 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Salem Road and South Street.

4:09 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 365 East Street.

6:33 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 940 Andover Street.

8:49 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 333 Main Street.

Daniel Breen, 25, of Dorchester, was arrested in the vicinity of 450 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

Thomas Nicholas Caso, 50, of Tewksbury, turned himself in to the Tewksbury Police Station and was arrested on the basis of a warrant.

Wednesday, November 16

1:31 a.m. A business on Clark Road was burglarized.

8:39 a.m. A business on Main Street was burglarized sometime during the previous night.

2:00 p.m. A license plate was stolen from a motor vehicle

parked at a residence on Clark Street. An unregistered van was stolen from the same location and police believe that the stolen license plate has most likely been attached to the van.

3:01 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Shawsheen Street.

7:51 p.m. Police responded to the Brooks Pharmacy located at 953 Andover Street for a report of shoplifting.

Jonn P. McCarthy, 22, of Lowell, was arrested in the vicinity of 1469 Andover Street on the basis of a warrant.

18, of Tewksbury, was arrested at the scene and was charged with shoplifting by asportation.

7:30 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Windham Road.

9:01 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident involving a pedestrian occurred in the vicinity of 433 Main Street. The pedestrian was transported from the scene to Saints Memorial Hospital.

Leo Boudreau, 26, of Revere, was arrested in the vicinity of 365 East Street on the basis of a warrant.

Saturday, November 19

2:07 a.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Main Street. Christopher Canty, 33, of Tewksbury, was arrested at the scene and was charged with domestic assault and battery.

2:10 a.m. A business on Main Street was burglarized.

6:38 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 6 Krullwood Road.

12:13 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 20 Carter Street.

Sunday, November 20

5:05 p.m. Police responded to a report of an assault and battery on Maureen Drive.

Nicholas Chroniak, 63, with no fixed address, was arrested in the vicinity of 95 Main Street and was charged with violating an abuse prevention order.

Charles Ruby, III, 22, of Lowell, was arrested at 1910 Andover Street and was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a child and possessing a class D substance.

Thursday, November 17

12:14 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Erlin Road.

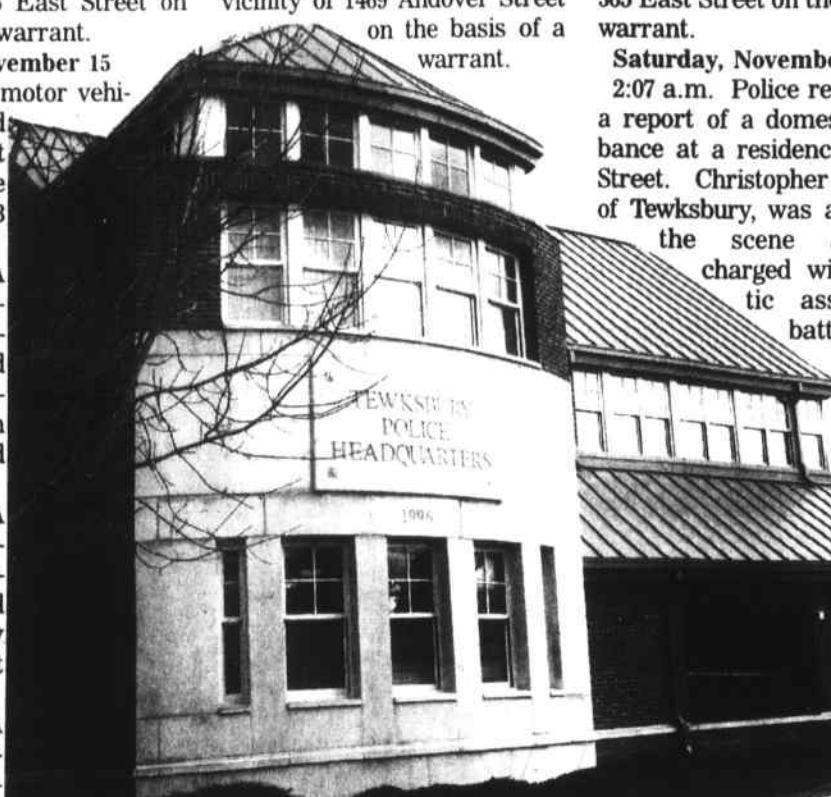
6:34 p.m. Police executed a search warrant on Treble Cove Road.

A Tewksbury female juvenile was arrested on Patriot Road and charged with violating an abuse protection order.

Friday, November 18

2:11 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 21 Town Hall Avenue.

3:53 p.m. Police responded to the Wal-Mart located at 333 Main Street for a report of shoplifting. Caitlin Dussault,



Wilmington Police Log

Monday, November 14

11:11 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 128 West Street.

2:25 p.m. An attempted breaking and entering of a business occurred at 230 Lowell Street.

6:04 p.m. Residential property on Scaltrito Drive was damaged maliciously.

Mandy Trout, 28, of Wilmington, was arrested in the vicinity of 239 Middlesex Avenue on the basis of a warrant.

Tuesday, November 15

7:42 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 175 Middlesex Avenue.

8:19 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Glen Road and Middlesex Avenue.

9:04 a.m. Police assisted in resolving a dispute between neighbors of McDonald Road.

12:07 p.m. A residential mailbox on Lawrence Street was damaged maliciously.

2:29 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 187 Middlesex Avenue.

2:48 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Fairview Avenue.

3:25 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 665 Main Street.

5:25 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 173 Church Street.

5:34 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1 North Street.

Rasheen Everett, 24, of Brockton, was arrested on Interstate 93 and was charged with the unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Wednesday, November 16

1:49 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 215 Wildwood Street.

1:00 p.m. Residential property on Marion Street was damaged maliciously.

1:24 p.m. A resident of

Cunningham Street reported that, over the last six months, guns have been stolen from her residence.

4:01 p.m. A large group of youths were involved in a fight at the skate park located on the grounds of the Shawsheen School.

5:08 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 60 Wildwood Street.

6:21 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Shawsheen Avenue and Hopkins Street.

10:42 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Aspen Drive.

Thursday, November 17

1:31 p.m. A resident of Fox Run Drive reported a larceny of property from his home.

5:41 p.m. A residence on

was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Friday, November 18

7:35 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Clark Street and Middlesex Avenue.

1:05 p.m. A dump truck illegally dumped bricks and debris in the area of 12 Kansas Street. Conservation Commission was notified.

2:03 p.m. A laptop computer was stolen from a business on Ballardvale Street sometime during the previous evening.

Robert Repucci, 23, of 33 North Street in Wilmington, was arrested in the vicinity of 240 Main Street and was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Wayne Lecuyer, 34, of Tyngsboro, was arrested in the vicinity of 1 North Street on the basis of a warrant.

Saturday, November 19

9:23 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 205 Main Street.

4:07 p.m. Saint Elizabeth's Episcopal Church was broken into.

10:58 p.m. A hockey stick, valued at \$90, was stolen from an individual in the parking lot of Ristuccia Ice Arena.

Christopher Wilson, 25, of East Boston, was stopped by police by the juncture of Interstate 93 and Lowell Street and was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license.

Sunday, November 20

1:13 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 332 Lowell Street.

A 13-year old Somerville youth was arrested in the vicinity of 82 High Street and was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.



Faulkner Avenue was burglarized. Thomas Buonarosa, 20, of Wilmington, was arrested at the scene and was charged with breaking and entering, malicious destruction of property, and larceny of property valued at more than \$250.

8:22 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 580 Main Street.

8:48 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 12 St. Paul Street.

Wei Liang, 34, of Quincy, was arrested in the vicinity of 1 Woodland Road and was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license.

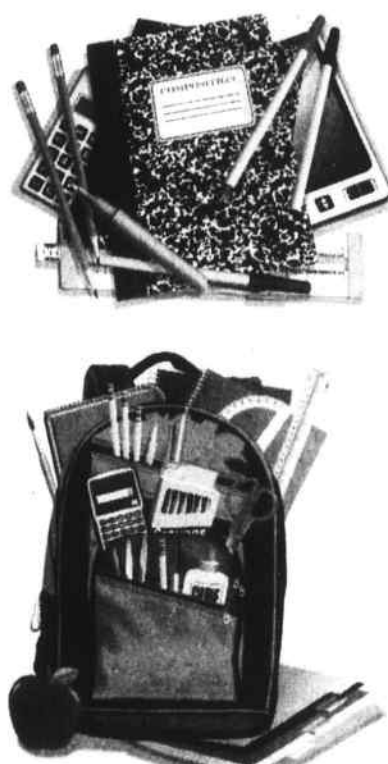
Esteban Santos, 23, of Lynn, was stopped by police in the vicinity of 490 Main Street and

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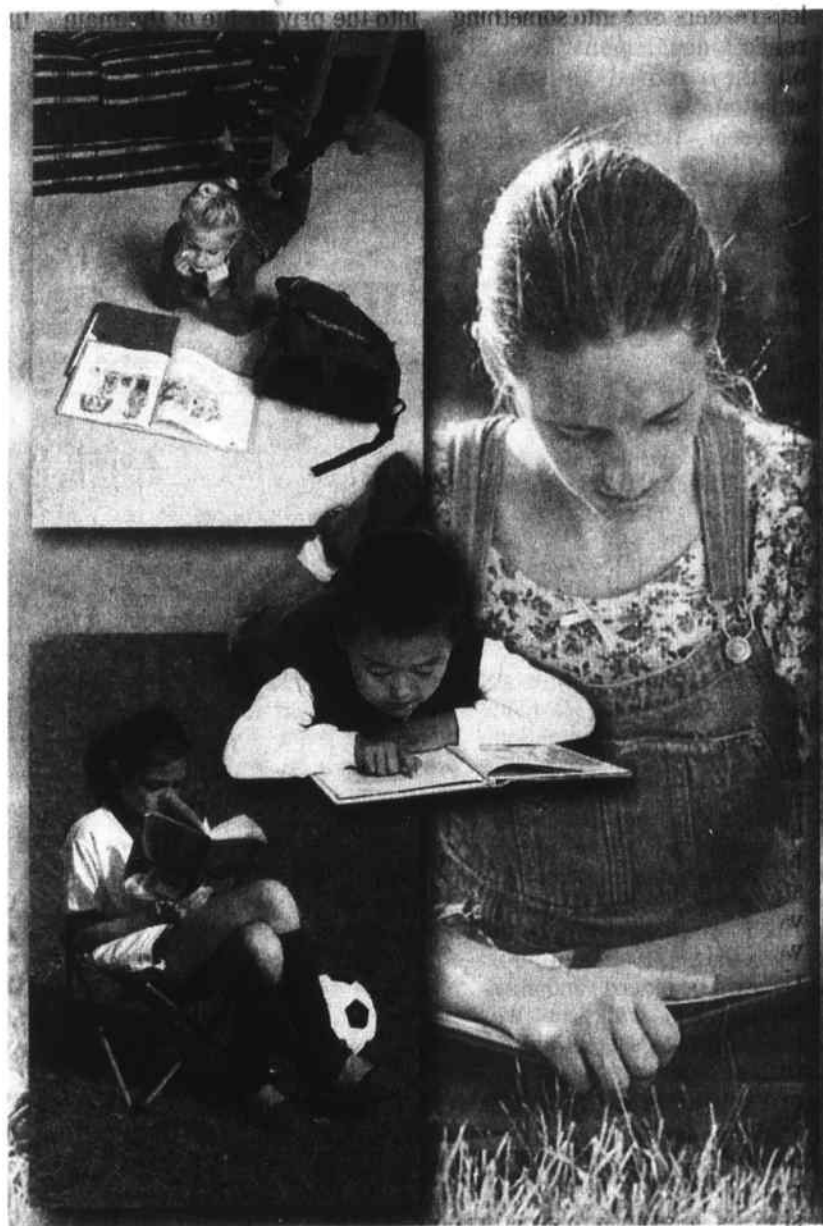
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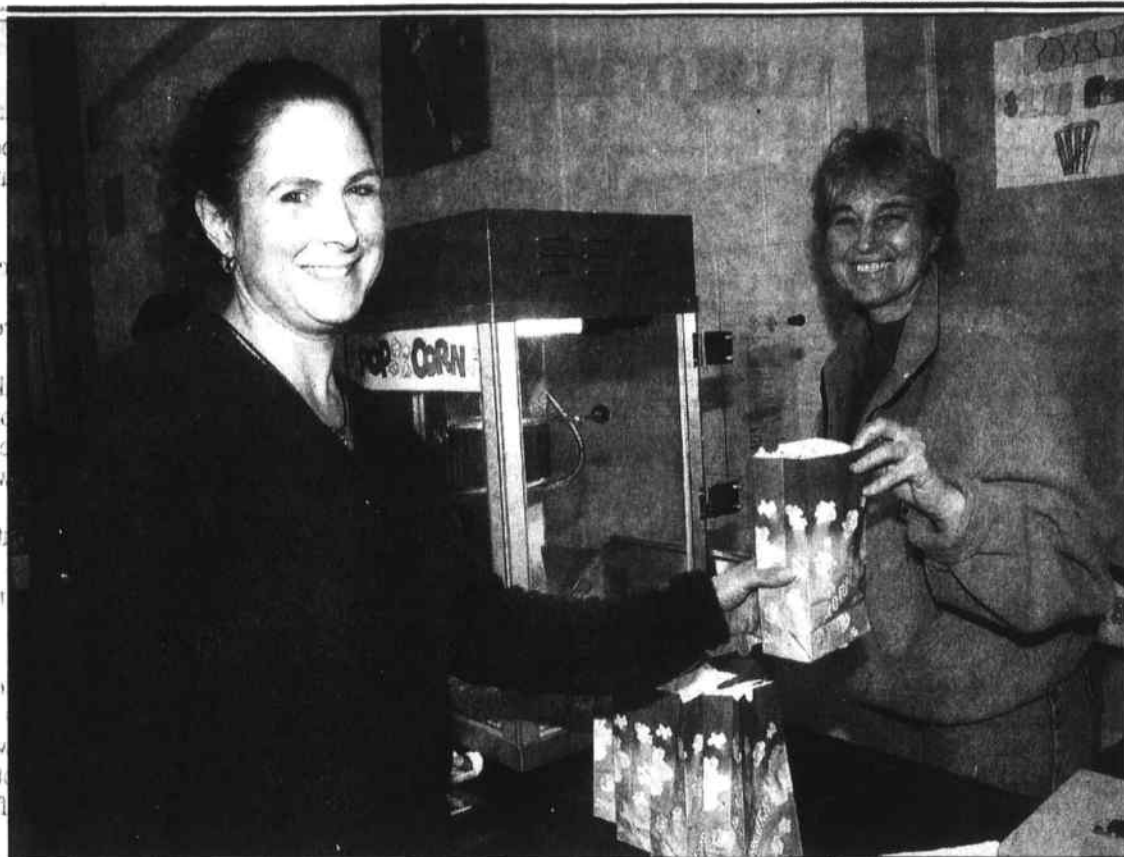
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The North Intermediate School held just one of several craft fairs held in Wilmington on Saturday. Tammy Connors was searching for the perfect snack when she found popcorn being sold by Roberta DiRupo.



The Tewksbury Food Pantry was busy with the many donations that came in on Sunday morning. Volunteers from the Enterprise Bank Inc.: Lorraine Enos, Heather Starr, Tanya Boissonneault, Cathy Peirce, Tracy Clement, and Dolores King stopped by to lend a hand as did Karie Judge, who was putting in a little community service time for religious education.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)



Tewksbury Library Notes

by Elisabeth DesMarais

"Chick Lit" might be for you

What is Chick Lit? Other than sounding like a brand of chewing gum, this genre of fiction lets readers bite into something really juicy. If you crave witty banter, steamy romance, and strong, young female characters with interesting careers, chick lit might be for you!

Chick lit is a newer sub-genre written by women designed to appeal to women, often in their 20s and 30s. Chick lit humorously describes the life of a spunky woman as she struggles through everyday situations involving work, family, or love. The story unfolds her attempts to get out of trouble, escape from an insane job, find a dream job, or land the man of her dreams all while remaining stunning and fashionable.

While many chick lit novels include relationships and steamy love scenes, these books should not be confused with traditional romance novels. Romance novels focus more on the love story, and chick lit novels detail the hilarity of daily life for a modern woman. Many stories reveal the lives of young women bumbling through the world of dating, love, and marriage, but the love story isn't the only problem for our fashionable heroines. Others show the comical struggles of rising or falling in the career ranks or venturing into a glamorous new field. Other chick lit topics may include roommates, friendships, family, pregnancy, body image, and just about anything you can imagine happening in a modern woman's life. Unlike regular women's fiction, chick lit doesn't take itself too seriously.

Readers will find highly entertaining and personal escapes

within the pages of chick lit. The writing style is conversational and welcomes readers into the private life of the main character. Readers can relate to the character's plight while feeling like they're talking with a girlfriend. The light writing style also makes chick lit novels quick reads which are great for vacation, the beach, and any time you need a good laugh.

It's hard to miss a chick lit novel on the shelf. Many chick lit books are published as trade paperbacks with vibrant colorful covers. The titles usually contain terms relating to fashion, shopping, dating and romance, makeup, and more. Look for publishers such as Avon Trade, Red Dress Ink, Strapless, and many others. The colorful packaging is just as fun as the contents.

Chick lit comes in subgenres to appeal to a variety of readers. If you enjoy shopping and fashion, try Sophie Kinsella's "Shopaholic" series or Karasyov's "Wolves in Chic Clothing." For the glamorous challenges of growing older, try Janice Kaplan and Lynn Schnurnberger's, "The Botox Diaries" and Nancy Thayer's, "The Hot Flash Club." Fantasy lovers may enjoy MaryJanice Davidson's "Undead" series with a fashionable vampire queen who tries to lead a normal life. For workaholics, try Lauren Weisenburger's, "The Devil Wears Prada" or Nicola Kraus's "The Nanny Diaries." Worldly readers may like British chick lit by Helen Fielding, Sophie Kinsella, Marian Keyes, and Wendy Holden. If you haven't read Bridget Jones's Diary, start with the book that inspired this

new genre!

If you're ready for a good laugh and a delightful read, find your favorite chick lit authors in the online catalog at <http://www.tewksburypl.org>. To find reviews of chick lit titles, search in NoveList, a fiction database available at the Library or from home at <http://www.tewksburypl.org/databases/databases.htm> (scroll down and select NoveList).

Choose a chick lit title today, and be prepared to laugh out loud!

The public library's web page, www.tewksburypl.org, is updated on a regular basis and contains a wealth of information. Check out the site for holiday closing schedules, changes in hours of operation, news of upcoming events and other services.

Wilmington Senior menu

Week of November 28

Monday: Stuffed shells with tomato, sauce, green beans, French bread, mandarin oranges, dessert.

Tuesday: BBQ rib patty, cheese stuffed potato, steamed baby carrots, multi-grain bread, pudding.

Wednesday: Yankee pot roast, whole potatoes, carrots, whole wheat bread, spiced apple slices.

Thursday: Turkey tetrazzini with spaghetti and mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, chilled apricots, dessert.

Friday: Baked haddock, mashed potato, steamed peas, lite rye bread, mixed fruit.



Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

What is Chick Lit?

Wikipedia, the free on-line encyclopedia defines "Chick Lit" as "a term used to denote a genre of popular fiction written for and marketed to young women, especially single, working women in their twenties. The genre's creation was spurred on, if not exactly created, in the mid-1990s with the appearance of Helen Fielding's *Bridget Jones Diary* and similar works, and continued to sell well in the 2000s... The genre has also been claimed as a type of post-feminist fiction which covers the breadth of the female experience which deals unconventionally with traditional romantic themes of love, courtship and gender. A well known example of the genre is Candace Bushnell's *Sex and the City* and its accompanying television series. Other authors to try would be Jennifer Weiner (*Little Earthquakes*) and Sophie Kinsella (*The Undomestic Goddess*).

New Magazines at the Library

Bookmarks, published bimonthly by Phillips & Nelson Media Inc. Each issue summarizes more than 500 new book reviews from over 50 major publications, as well as taking an in depth look at the classic titles in fiction, history and biography.

TravelSmart, published monthly by Dunnan Communication, Inc. It is the nation's oldest consumer travel newsletter and since it doesn't accept advertising, presents unbiased views on the best travel deals in the U.S. and abroad.

Upcoming Children's Programs

Book Discussions

It's not a good day for James. The teacher is out sick, so the class has to have a substitute. Yuk! That's no fun. Then James' best friend, Ray, comes up with a great idea. To play a joke on the sub, they decide to switch seats. She will think James is Ray and Ray is James. But the prank stops being funny pretty fast and the worst is yet to come. The next day the sub is back! Find out what happens next when you read *The Sub* by P.J. Petersen. Join children ages 7 & older on Friday, December 2nd at 3:30 p.m. A light snack will be provided.

Artemis Fowl: The Opal Deception by Eoin Colfer continues the adventures of the child genius in this fourth book of a best-selling series chosen by kids ages 9 & older for Friday, December 9th at 3:30 p.m. A story of identity theft, the underground world of the fairies and a plot to destroy them and humans is told with fast-paced action and humor.

Copies of the books may be reserved by visiting or calling the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098. Drop-in for discus-

sion, snacks, and a door prize (provided by the Friends of the Library).

Star Mag Meetings

Creative kids ages 8 & older who like to write, draw, tell jokes, make up puzzles, etc. and listen to others' readings and talk about them will enjoy the informal *Star Mag* meetings held once a month on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. Drop-in on December 7th with your finished original work for the Winter issue or just come and create here! Refreshments will be served and a door prize will be awarded.

December

Story/Craft

Children ages 5 & older may be registered for the December Holidays Story/Craft program to be held on Tuesday, December 13th at 3:30 p.m. Come and enjoy holiday stories and then make a holiday gift for someone special. Caretakers are welcome to attend. Visit or call the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098 to register.

Holidays

The newest monthly series of programs, *Movie Nights* at the library, have been very popular. Bring something comfortable to sit on (or use our chairs), have some free popcorn and lemonade and watch this new movie based on the best-selling book by Roald Dahl, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, starring Johnny Depp as Willy Wonka. Showtime is Tuesday, December 6th from 6:30 to 8:35 p.m. Rated: PG.

The movie based on the popular Christmas book by Chris Van Allsburg, *The Polar Express*, will be screened on Tuesday, December 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Teen Zone

Teen Comics Club

Teen Comics Club meets on Monday, November 28 at 7 p.m. This informal club is for ages 12 and up. Drop-in and check out the library's hundreds of manga and graphic novels. Come watch anime trailers and episodes of your favorite series. Check out the newest anime magazine, *Newtype USA*.

Children's Movie Nights

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family
Court Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 05P0818AD

Notice Of Fiduciary's Account
To all persons interested in the estate of John Tumas late of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the first and final account(s) of Richard M. Hoy, Administrator - (the fiduciary) of said estate of said deceased has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge on or before the 15th day of December, 2005 the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, Robert W. Langlois, Acting Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, this 10th day of November, 2005.

11.23.05 John R. Buonomo
4903 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. on the request of Tusk, Inc., d/b/a Bacci's Restaurant and Sports Bar by Richard Losanno, Jr., to transfer all alcoholic beverage liquor license as common victualler to Inheritance LLC, d/b/a The Bury, by Robert Taylor, manager, on premises described as one floor, 4500 square feet premise with three entrances/exits in the front and two entrances/exits in the rear located at 1721 Main Street. The hearing will be held in the Selectmen's meeting room, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA.

Input is welcome from the public and is requested to be submitted in writing, to the Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA, 01876 on or before noon time Friday, December 2, 2005.

11.23.05 Joseph P. Gill, Jr.
4906 Chairman
Board of Selectmen

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on December 5, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 66-05
Michael & Aileen Fiorenza
Map 60 Parcel 114

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §4.2 for an Accessory Apartment addition for property located on 38 Nathan Road.

Case 67-05
Joseph T. Chin
Map 16 Parcel 6

To acquire a variance from Standard Dimensional Regulations Table 11 §5.2.5 for an 8' x 16' single story addition 12 feet from the side yard lot line when 20 feet is required for property located on 17 Chestnut Street.

Case 68-05
Quality Additions
Map 67 Parcel 93

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §6.1.6.4 for an alteration to a nonconforming structure (raze an existing 24'x32' dwelling and construct a 31'x48' dwelling no closer than 13 feet from the side yard lot line when 15 feet is required for property located on 4 Doane Street.

11.16.05, 11.23.05 4896

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family
Court Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 05P5025AD1

In the Estate of
THOMAS F HICKEY
Late of TEWKSBURY
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death

December 19, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that MARC T. HICKEY of NEWTON in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed administrator of said estate to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON DECEMBER 19, 2005.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, Acting First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, November 16, 2005.

11.23.05 John R. Buonomo
4910 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

PLANNING BOARD
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING

DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION
Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on December 12, 2005 at 7:20 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Marc Ginsburg and Arnie Martel for a one (1) lot subdivision.

Said property is located at Russell Road and McCarthy Road, Assessor's Map 81, Lot 72, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA, during 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

Steven J. Sadwick, Director
11.23.05, 11.30.05 4899

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Room 9 at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA at 8:30 P.M. on Monday, December 12, 2005 by the Board of Selectmen for the transfer of the All Alcohol Package Store License of Dunnett's Liquor Depot, 433 Main Street, Wilmington, MA to B&B Liquor Station.

Raymond N. Lepore, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
11.23.05 4907

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

PUBLIC HEARING
LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing will be held on Monday, December 5, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA concerning Comcast and the possible renewal of its cable television license due to expire on March 24, 2007. Members of the public are encouraged to testify at this hearing (1) concerning the performance of Comcast under its current license, (2) future cable-related needs and (3) interests of the community. This hearing is held pursuant to Federal Law 47 U.S.C. 546 and State Regulation 207 CMR 2.02 and 3.05. Public records pertaining to the renewal are available for inspection and copying at the Town Hall. For additional information contact Jeffrey M. Hull, Assistant Town Manager at 978-688-3311 or email him at jhull@town.wilmington.ma.us.

Raymond N. Lepore, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
11.16.05, 11.23.05 4898

RLMD conducting customer survey

READING Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) wants to know what you think about your electric utility. During the week of December 5, researchers from the Center for Research & Public Policy (CRPP) will call approximately 3,200 customers in Reading, North Reading, Wilmington and Lynnfield, introducing themselves and letting RMLD customers know they are conducting an opinion survey. From these 3,200 calls, RMLD expects 400 completed surveys. The researchers will call from their offices in Trumbull, Connecticut, and all collected information is strictly confidential.

The survey includes questions related to customer satisfac-

tion, demographics, green energy, communication and related topics. The research results will be used to guide RMLD through its decision-making

process based on direct feedback from its customers.

Survey results will be presented at the January 18 board meeting at 7:30 p.m. The meet-

ing is open to the public.

For further information, please call RMLD Community Relations Manager Priscilla Gottwald at 781-942-6419.



Lisa Erwin, on break from her duties at the Tewksbury United Methodist Church bought a bowl of soup from Jim Lewis to benefit the church on Saturday. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Health will hold a public hearing on December 1, 2005, at 7:00 PM in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street on the application of Jeannette Tino to Operate a Massage Therapy Establishment at Soma Therapeutic Massage, 1501 Main Street, Unit 19. A variance to allow one central hand-washing station in lieu of individual ones in each practice room is requested. Interested persons will be heard at this time. If that meeting must be cancelled, the new hearing date shall be December 15, 2005, at the Tewksbury Police Station.

11.23.05 Phillip French
4905 Chairman

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



PLANNING BOARD
The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on December 6, 2005 at 8:15 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on Site Plan Review #05-6 entitled, "Site Plan, 433 Main Street"; dated August 30, 2005, and last revised November 3, 2005; submitted on November 9, 2005 by Lorens Dunnett; prepared by K. J. Miller Company Inc., Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors, 106 West Street, Wilmington, MA 01887. Said property is located at 433B Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 42 Parcel 22F. The purpose of the site plan is to establish a retail liquor store in the existing building. A copy of the site plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
11.16.05, 11.23.05 4893

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to: Thomas F. Butler, Jr. of 6 Sunset Ave., in Woburn, MA. Who is the last registered owner of a 98 Chevy S10 Vin number 1GCOT14X7WK208332 that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about 12/8/05 at FRED F. CAIN INC. 580 Main Street, Wilmington, MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due

11.16.05, 11.23.05, 11.30.05 4897

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



PLANNING BOARD
The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on December 13, 2005 at 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on Site Plan Review #05-7 entitled, "Proposed Retail and Restaurant Development"; dated November 10, 2005; by Wilmington Main Realty Limited Partnership; submitted by Attorney William J. Priora, Riemer & Braunstein LLP, prepared by Merrimack Engineering Services, 66 Park Street, Andover, Massachusetts. Said property is located at 271 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 42 Parcel 4. The purpose of the site plan is to demolish existing automobile body/automotive service facility and showroom and replace with four retail and commercial buildings. The project includes improvements to the on-site infrastructure, site lighting, traffic control and associated grading and landscaping. A copy of the site plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Michael Sorrentino, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
11.23.05, 11.30.05 4908

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

NOTICE
REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS

The Town Manager and Fire Department Long Range Planning Committee will receive proposals for Architectural Services for design services to renovate and reconstruct the existing Center Fire Station to serve the needs of the Fire Department.

Copies of the Request for Qualifications are available at the Town Manager's Office, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays.

Interested designers are invited to attend a briefing session on Thursday, December 1, 2005, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Center Fire Station, 21 Town Hall Avenue.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA, 01876 until Thursday, December 15, 2005, at 3:00 p.m.

The Awarding Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all proposals if it is in the public interest to do so.

11.23.05 David G. Cressman
4904 Town Manager

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family
Court Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 05P4569G11

In the Matter Of
GLADYS HERNANDEZ
Of TEWKSBURY
In the County of MIDDLESEX,
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN OF**

MENTALLY ILL PERSON
To GLADYS HERNANDEZ of TEWKSBURY in the County of MIDDLESEX, and her heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said GLADYS HERNANDEZ of TEWKSBURY in the County of MIDDLESEX is a mentally ill person and praying that VIVIANA BURKE of LAWRENCE in the County of ESSEX be appointed guardian, to serve without surety of the person - with the authority to administer antipsychotic medications in accordance with the treatment plan

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WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, October 17, 2005.

11.23.05 John R. Buonomo
4900 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

Notice of Public Hearing
Planning Board

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 11, the Planning Board will re-open a public hearing on December 13, 2005 at 9:15 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on Special Permit #04-5 dated July 12, 2004, and last revised August 22, 2005; submitted on December 3, 2004 by Robert Troy, 2 Madison Road, Wilmington, MA. Said property is located at 31-A King Street and shown as Assessor's Map 67 Parcel 107 on plan entitled "Plan of Land in Wilmington, Mass". This is for the reconsideration of a previous denial of a special permit for a nonconforming lot under Chapter 139 of the Acts of 1998 for the construction of a single family dwelling. A copy of the revised plans are on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
11.23.05, 11.30.05 4909

Shawsheen Tech holds 6th Annual Turkey Bowl

Raises \$600, as well as food donations for the Billerica Food Pantry during the flag football game

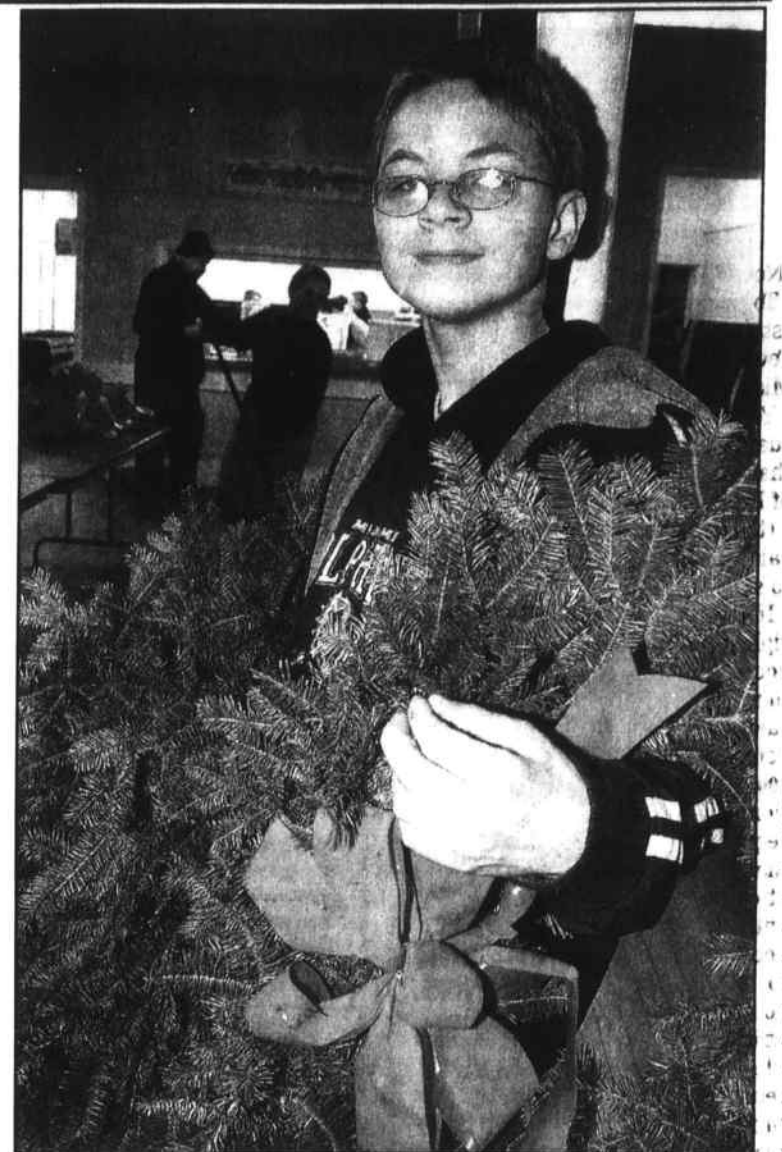
BILLERICA - Shawsheen Tech's Sixth Annual Turkey Bowl helped raise a record \$600 as well as 21 large boxes and 11 shopping bags of food donations for the Billerica Food Pantry. Sponsored by the Student Council, the two-week collection drive features a flag football game between female members of the Junior and Senior classes.

"The event has grown each year in terms of both student participation and donations," said Shawsheen Tech Student Council Co-Advisor Ellen Mountain. "It's a unique combination of competition and compassion. Students enjoy the game, but they also recognize that the greater purpose is helping out others during this Thanksgiving holiday."

This year's game finished in a 6-6 tie with touchdowns from senior Lauren Charbonnier of Tewksbury and junior Eileen Warford of Wilmington.



Senior Marissa Porter of Billerica breaks free from juniors Mary Kate Cioffi (left) and Julie Matley, both of Tewksbury, while teammate Nicole Griffin of Burlington and referee Ed Geary look on during Shawsheen Tech's Sixth Annual Turkey Bowl - a flag football game between female members of the Junior and Senior classes. The event, sponsored by the Shawsheen Student Council, raised a record \$600 and 21 boxes and 11 shopping bags of food donations for the Billerica Food Pantry. The game finished in a 6-6 tie with touchdowns from senior Lauren Charbonnier of Tewksbury and junior Eileen Warford of Wilmington. (courtesy photo)



James Johnston of Wilmington Boy Scout Troop 56 helped out the troop on Saturday by stacking the decorated wreaths in preparation for the sales event at Colonial Park Mall beginning December 3. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

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Dec. 2 12 noon - 6 p.m.
Wilm Methodist Church
Wilm Garden Club
Annual Greens Sale

Dec. 3: 8:15 to 10 a.m.
or 10:15 to 12:00 noon
Rec Dept.
Breakfast with Santa.
\$7 each for everyone one year and older. Pre-purchased tickets are required and available at the rec dept. office after Nov. 1st. Wilmington children can receive a letter from Santa. call by December 14th.

Dec. 3 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Wilm Methodist Church
Wilm Garden Club
Annual Greens Sale

Dec. 3: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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Dec 3 12 - 4
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Harnden Tavern
Holiday Social
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Dec. 7: 7-8:30 p.m.
Wilmington Town Hall
Kissing Ball Class
Rec Dept.
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Dec. 9: 6 - 8 p.m.
Holiday Bingo
(aka parents night out)
Patricia Romano at the Buzzell
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Dec. 13: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Photos with Santa
for Wilmington residents at
the Rec. Department office

Jan 20 - Mar 24: (10 weeks)
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Dec 3: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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Tewksbury
Congregational Church
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Dec. 3: 9 a.m to 3 p.m.

St. William's Church
Christmas Fair
St William School.

Dec. 7: 7:00 p.m.
Tewksbury Teen Center
286 Livingston St.
Annual Meeting
(978) 640-4460

Dec. 10: 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Tewksbury Lion's Club
Christmas Party
U. S. Bunting Club, 449
Boylston St. Lowell
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Call Monty 978-337-6104 or
Shirley 978-851-9688

Dec. 10: 7:00 p.m.
Tewksbury Congregational
Church
Faith and Hope: A Mother's
Story is a one-woman play for
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Olivia Woodford.
Contact Tewksbury
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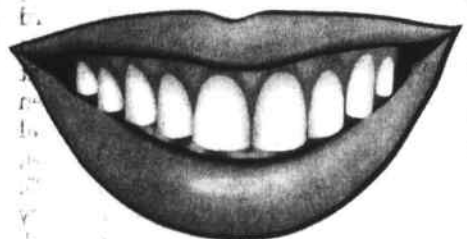
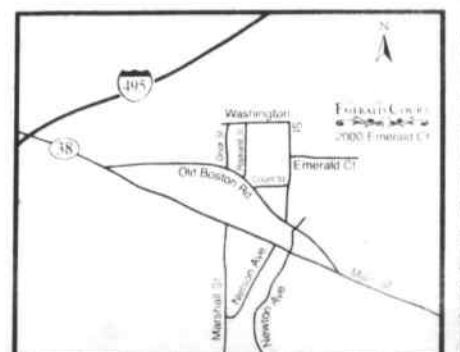
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2005

Rams gearing up for Greater Lowell

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

Last season when Shawsheen Tech hosted Greater Lowell Tech in their annual Thanksgiving Day game, the Rams knew they would be playing another game the following week, as they had qualified for the first ever State Vocational Bowl. Greater Lowell meanwhile entered the game playing for their playoff lives, needing a win to secure the Commonwealth Athletic Conference title and a Division 3 playoff spot.

As all Rams fans know of course, the Rams prevailed in last year's Turkey Day clash by a score of 31-20, squashing the Gryphons playoff hopes and sending the Rams to the Vocational Bowl with some momentum. That momentum carried them against Bay Path Regional a week later as they lost their final game, but the Rams had managed to retain the Collins Cup as a result of earning their fourth straight victory in this Thanksgiving rivalry.

This year there is no playoff spot on the line for either team, and although the Rams have put together an impressive 6-3 (3-1 in CAC Large) record to this point it is not enough to qualify them for the Vocational Bowl. But when the Rams tee it up with the 3-6 (1-3) Gryphons at 10:00 a.m. in Tyngsboro on Thursday morning, you can be sure that nobody on either will be thinking of anything but giving everything it takes to earn a victory.

It's Thanksgiving after all, and nothing else needs to be added to make this game special.

"I have always felt that Thanksgiving is a separate season in itself," said Shawsheen coach Al Costabile. "It's just for the Collins Cup and School pride and that is plenty of motivation. This is a great rivalry."

As a result of their four game winning streak in the series the Rams currently hold an 8-4 edge in the rivalry since it was moved to Thanksgiving in 1993. Judging by the team's records and the Rams recent success against the Gryphons, on paper there does not seem

to be much reason to doubt they will take their winning streak to five games.

But Costabile knows that it would be a mistake to overlook any matchup with a team coached by Dennis Murphy, who has taken the Gryphons to eight Super Bowls in his career.

"They play tough defense and they are always well coached and well prepared," Costabile said.

The Gryphon defense will have to be extremely tough if they are going to shut down what has at times this season been a very high powered Shawsheen offense. One player who has been consistently high powered all season for the Rams is senior running back Kyle Marzeoti who has rushed for 1,277 yards this season to go along with 17 offensive touchdowns, 16 rushing and one receiving.

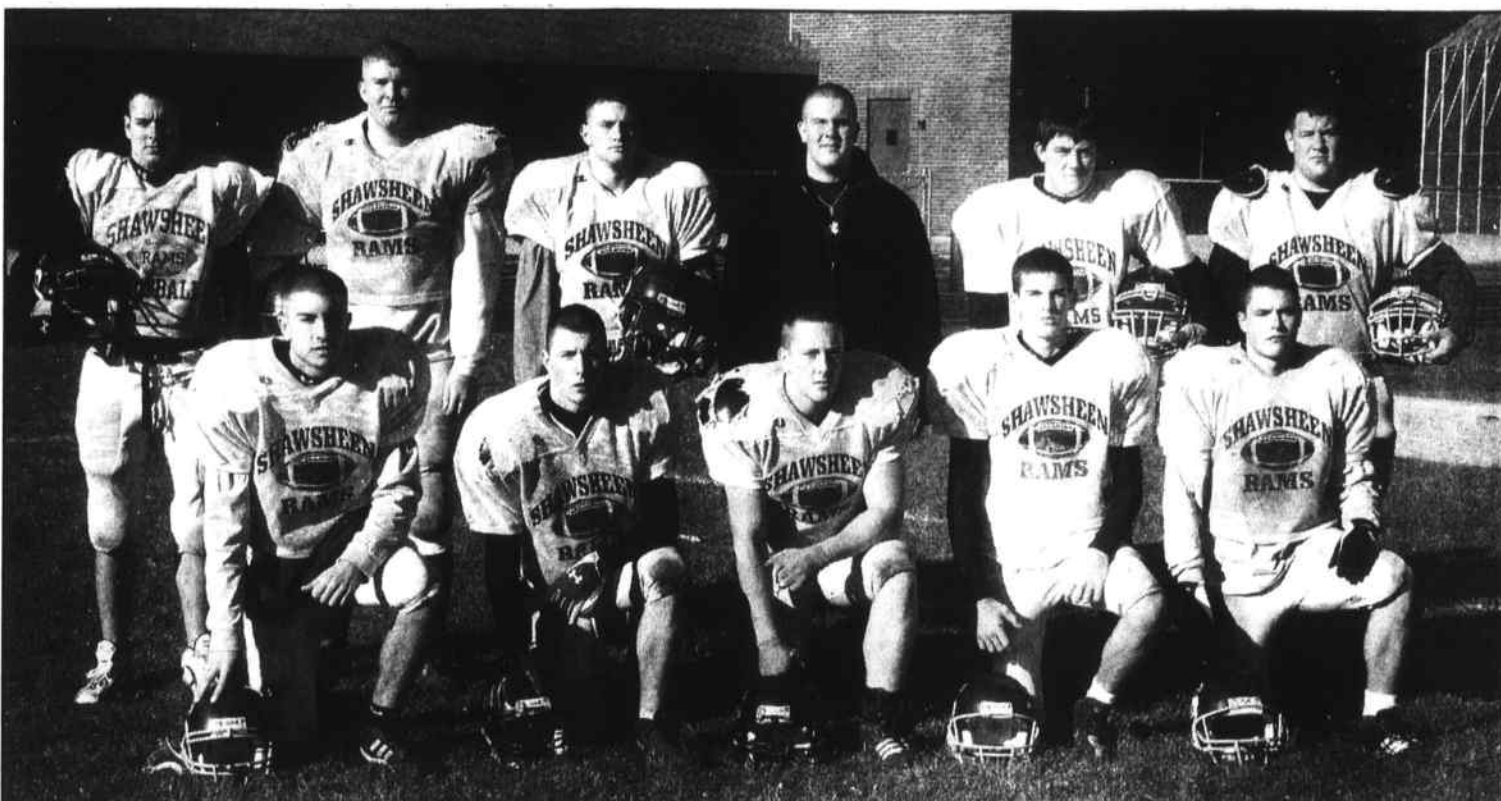
"We have been doing well against the run and that is the first thing we need to do is stop him," Murphy said of Marzeoti. "But that also leaves us open to the pass so we have to apply some good pressure on the quarterback and make some plays in the secondary."

Sophomore quarterback Joe Gore of Wilmington will be making his first Thanksgiving Day start under center and while Costabile has confidence in his young signal caller who has thrown eight touchdown passes this season, he also knows where his team's biggest success is likely to come from.

"We are going to try and establish the run first and foremost," Costabile said. "If we can do that it makes everything else work better for us."

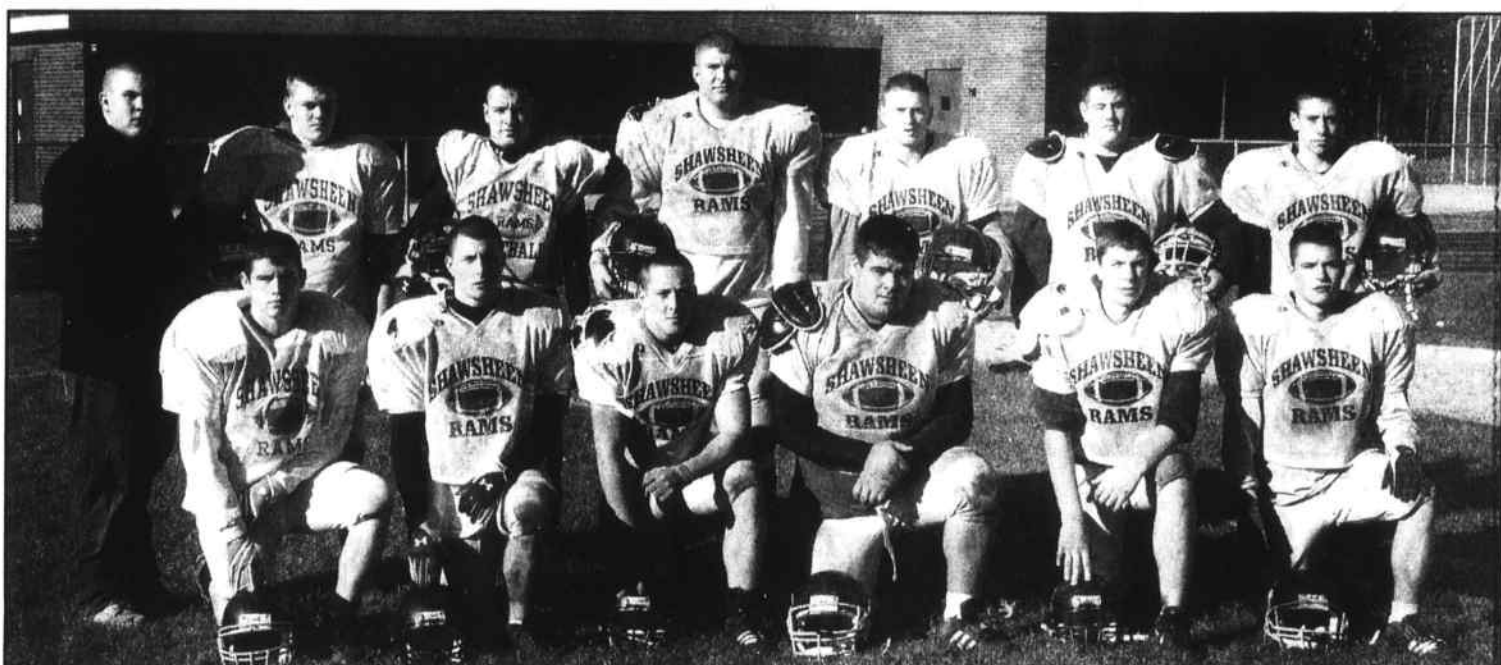
Defensively the Rams will be looking for several locals players to help stop the Greater Lowell attack, including junior nose tackle Sal Monteneri, and senior cornerback Ken Aalerud, both of Tewksbury.

The linebacking core of Marzeoti, Joe Galvin and Andy Martines will also be counted on heavily as the Rams try to slow down all of the Gryphons but particularly leading rusher, junior Matt Lenzi who has six touchdowns on the season.



The Shawsheen tech Football team's starting offense for Thursday's game includes: Rear left to right — Tom Mullan, Matt Innis, Joe Galvin, Derek Allgaier, Joe Nitche, and Rich Doane. Kneeling left to right — Joe Gore, Brendan McCarthy, Kyle Marzeoti, Joe Killion and Ken Aalerud. Missing from photo is Joel Mignault.

(JoeBrownphoto.com)



The Shawsheen Tech Football Team's Starting defense rear left to right: Derek Allgaier, Chris Borden, Tom Mullan, Matt Innis, Joe Galvin, Rich Doane and Steve Foley. Kneeling left to right — Matt Bradley, Brendan McCarthy, Kyle Marzeoti, Sal Monteneri, Andy Martines, and Ken Aalerud.

(JoeBrownphotos.com)

Lenzi replaced superstar running back Josh Rosado in the backfield this season after Rosado wrapped up his career last season by rushing for over 1,500 yards. Lenzi is not of Rosado's caliber yet, but Costabile knows he could still do some damage thanks to his help up front.

"He is their best player and their biggest threat," Costabile said. "But mostly I am

impressed with their offensive and defensive lines. They've got some good size in the trenches."

In addition to Gore at quarterback the Rams will also have several other locals in the starting offensive lineup helping Marzeoti put up some points.

Chief among them is Tewksbury's Aalerud who has rushed for 414 yards and three

touchdowns this season. Joining Aalerud will be Tewksbury sophomore Joe Killion at wide receiver, and Tewksbury sophomore Steve Foley at another receiver spot.

While Costabile and the Rams would certainly love to be heading back to another playoff game this season, the season has still been a success and a win on Thursday would only add to it, and give the

players particularly the seniors something to look back on forever.

"It's great for the seniors. This is the game they will take with them," Costabile said. "And for the younger guys a win on turkey day carries over into the off season, because you are only as good as your last game."

Monteneri ready to walk the line

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

Sal Monteneri will no doubt be in the middle of the action on Thursday morning when the Shawsheen Tech football team travels to Tyngsboro to take on rival Greater Lowell in their annual Thanksgiving Day clash.

The junior from Tewksbury will literally be right in the middle of the Rams defense where he stars as a nose tackle. He has 31 tackles on the season and has altered the way teams must approach the Rams with their offense as taking the ball up the middle against the 5-10, 295 pound Monteneri is not an attractive option.

It was not always this way for Monteneri. He did not just step onto the field and become a starter for the Rams. It has taken a lot of hard work, both in the off season as well as during the season to make him the player he is today.

"He really started coming into his own midway through last year," Shawsheen coach Al Costabile said. "I am very impressed by his development as a person and as a player. He is country strong and very sturdy. He is very difficult to move out of the middle."

For Monteneri, the hard work that has turned him into

such a key part of the defense just came naturally. Many of Costabile's defensive schemes this season came as a result of having a force in the middle like Monteneri. That kind of acknowledgment from his coach makes the hours in the weight room and on the practice field well worth it.

"From freshman year I have been trying to bet better during practice and in the off season to accomplish the goals that I have," Monteneri said. "I feel like I can help this team win games and to hear that the coach also thinks I can do that definitely pumps me up."

And Monteneri is usually pumped up when he is on the field. Watching him play his position is one thing, but watching the attitude that he brings to each play as well as to the sideline when he is not playing on the offensive line is another. The enthusiasm he brings to the game is very evident in every play, whether he is making the play or not.

"He loves the game and he loves to hit," Costabile said. "He enjoys practice and the camaraderie of the game and is very coachable. He almost always has a smile on his face, and is fun to be around. He is an absolute pleasure to coach."

Monteneri will undoubtedly

have plenty of enthusiasm going against Greater Lowell. While Thanksgiving Day is very often about the seniors who will be wrapping up their high school careers, Monteneri understands the importance of the game even as a junior and he also intends to send his senior teammates off with a victory.

"It's a very huge game, especially to the seniors. You are able to put everything else aside and just spend two weeks of practice getting ready for this game," Monteneri said. "Hopefully I can do my best to help the senior win the game. We will all be giving it our best shot."

This season he will be doing his best to help the current seniors go off with a victory, but while he is not looking ahead he can't help but look forward to next season when he will be the senior preparing for his final game. In fact, it is not just next year's final game he is looking forward to, but rather the entire season, as he tries to help the Rams make another trip to the playoffs, as they did last season when the qualified for the State Vocational Bowl.

Although Monteneri did not play in that game, he was on the sideline for the Rams taking in what it meant to be part

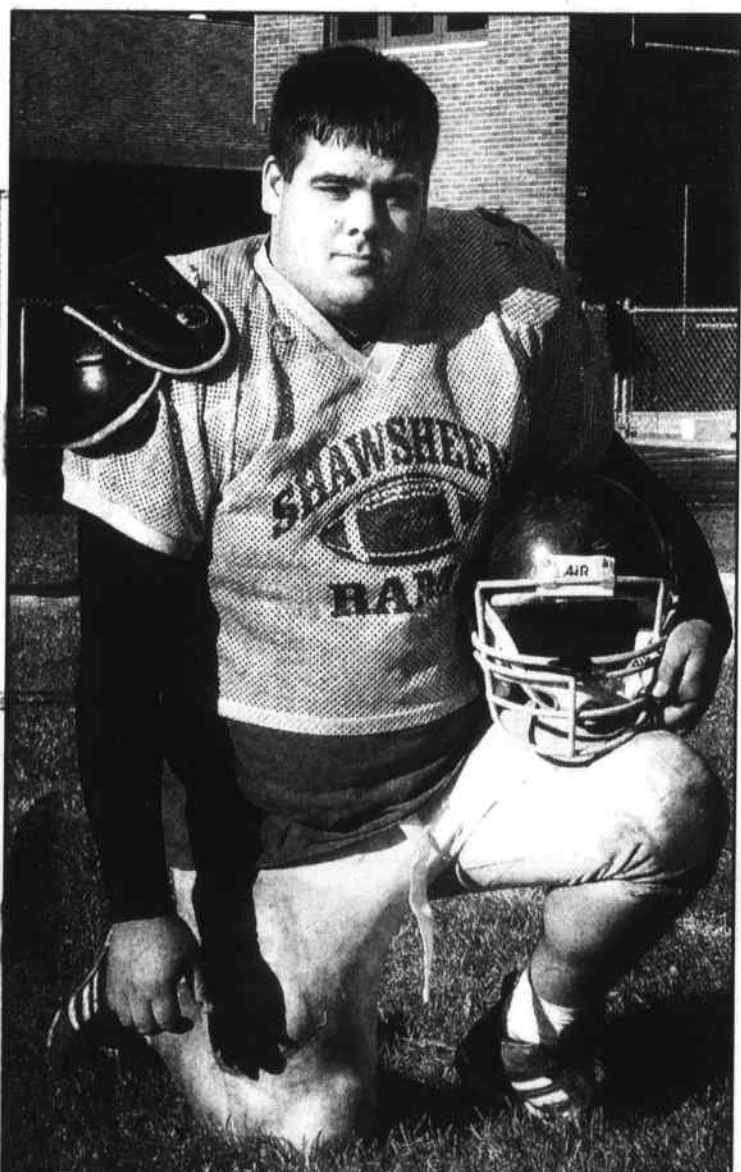
of such a huge game. Next time, he wants to be making an impact on the field.

"I am looking forward to my senior year, especially after seeing the way our seniors play the game," Monteneri said. "I want to play the way they have over the past couple of years. Getting to the playoffs definitely gives me motivation for next year. I would love to get back to that game."

But right now there is just one game and one team on his mind and that is Greater Lowell on Thanksgiving morning. He may not be a senior, but he knows what Thanksgiving is all about and he thinks his Rams can prevail and improve their record to 7-3 on the season against the 3-6 Gryphons.

"The crowd is huge compared to the regular season game and it is great to see so many people there," Monteneri said. "I think we can win, but you don't know until you get on the field with them. You don't before the game, so you just have to go out and give it your best the entire game."

Additional Shawsheen Tech Football on the following page



Shawsheen Tech junior lineman Sal Monteneri.

(JoeBrownphotos.com)

Shawsheen Tech Football Starting Line-ups

Offense

Pos	Name	Class	Ht	Wt
WR	Brandon McCarthy	Jr	5'10	160
WR	Joe Killion	So	5'10	150
LT	Rich Doane	Sr	5'9	240
LG	Joe Nitche	Jr	5'7	200
C	Derek Allgaier	Jr	5'9	210
RG	Joe Galvin	Sr	5'10	195
RT	Matt Innis	Jr	6'2	245
TE	Tom Mullan	Sr	5'8	180
QB	Joe Gore	So	5'11	160
RB	Ken Aalerud	Sr	5'8	170
RB	Kyle Marzeoti	Sr	5'9	195

Starting Defense

Pos	Name	Class	Ht	Wt
DT	Rich Doane	Sr	5'9	240
NT	Sal Montenari	Jr	5'10	295
DT	Matt Innis	Jr	6'2	245
DE	Kyle Marzeoti	Sr	5'9	195
DE	Tom Mullan	Sr	5'8	180
LB	Joe Galvin	Sr	5'10	195
LB	Andy Martines	Sr	5'11	160
LB	Derek Allgaier	Jr	5'9	210
CB	Ken Aalerud	Sr	5'8	170
CB	Brandon McCarthy	Jr	5'10	160
SS	Steve Foley	Jr	5'8	150

Shawsheen Tech Football Stats

Team Stats

	Opp	Shawsheen
First Downs	80	81
Rushes-Yds	256-935	285-2174
Passing-Att-Int	64-148-12	28-49-11
Passing yards	863	388
Total yards	1798	2562
Fumbles-Lost	12-6	18-8
Penalties-yards	21-170	26-250

Individual Stats

Passing: Joe Gore 25-47-11, 366 yards, 7 TDs, 11 INTs; Joe Killion 3-3-0, 22 yds, 0 TD, 0 INT.

Rushing: Kyle Marzeoti 148-1,277, 18 TDs, Ken Aalerud 47-377, 3 TDs, Pat Fullerton 48-334, 6 TDs, David Albano 7-83, 1 TD, Tom Warford 8-67, 1 TD, Joe Killion 7-21, Chris Damp 3-16, Derek Sorenson 1-8, Mark Clerveau 3-5, James Elder 1-4, Mat Compenschi 2-2, Joe Gore 10 - (-20).

Receiving: 6-196, 5 TDs, Pat Fullerton 8-95, 2 TDs, Ken Aalerud 5-39, Kyle Marzeoti 5-32, Tom Warford 3-12, Joel Mignault 1-14.

Rams-Gr. Lowell history

History of Shawsheen vs. Greater Lowell Thanksgiving rivalry

1993	Shawsheen 19	Greater Lowell 18
1994	Shawsheen 21	Greater Lowell 20
1995	Shawsheen 28	Greater Lowell 7
1996	Greater Lowell 28	Shawsheen 6
1997	Greater Lowell 21	Shawsheen 6
1998	Shawsheen 25	Greater Lowell 14
1999	Greater Lowell 27	Shawsheen 12
2000	Greater Lowell 30	Shawsheen 28
2001	Shawsheen 18	Greater Lowell 0
2002	Shawsheen 21	Greater Lowell 14
2003	Shawsheen 12	Greater Lowell 6
2004	Shawsheen 31	Greater Lowell 20



Tewksbury's Erik Taber finished 82nd in the entire state at Saturday's all-state cross country meet held at Franklin Park. (JoeBrownphotos.com)

Boys cross country team takes 13th at all-state meet

The Tewksbury High boys cross country team finished 13th as a team during Saturday's all-state meet held at Franklin park in Boston. The Redmen were led by Dave Camoscio's 34th place as he came across at 16:53. Following him were Erik Taber (82nd, 17:29), Brian Tino (90th, 17:35), Pat Legro (103rd, 17:49), Neil Marino (119th, 18:21), Eric Webb (125th, 18:30) and Dean Sheehan (137th, 19:31).

On the girls side, junior Kaitlin Rose was the lone representative of the team and she finished 22nd overall in the entire state coming in at 20:03.

Football recruiting night, Dec. 6

The 18th annual Eastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire College football recruiting night will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 from 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. at the Courtyard Marriott, Boston North-Woburn/Stoneham, 700 Unicorn Park Drive, Woburn, MA.

Several area colleges and eastern colleges will be in attendance. All senior football players are encouraged to attend. There is no cost involved.

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Wilmington Youth Hoop registration dates offered

Wilmington Recreation Department is holding registration for its Junior Basketball League. The deadline for registration is Monday, November 28th.

This six-week instructional league for children in grades one and two will run on Saturdays from January 14 through February 18, 2006 in

the Shawsheen Gymnasium.

Each child is assigned to a team, given a team shirt and a season schedule. Each week children meet for one hour for instruction and drills, followed by a scrimmage with another team. Cost is \$25. Sign up now! Late registrants pay a \$5 late fee and may be placed on a waiting list.

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Wildcat cheerleaders take second in the state

Congratulations to the Wilmington High School Cheerleaders for another successful competition season. The team consists of: Senior Captains Amy Butters, Brittany Collins and Charisse Marchesi, Juniors Jennelle Ciulla, Maggie Sorrentino and Jessy Welch, Sophmores Nicole Allan, Kim Ciampa, Amanda Ciulla, Jessi Crowley, Kathryn Fraser, Katelyn Gallant, Gina Rizzo, Amy Sinclair, Stephanie Sauve, Vicky Tanzella, Kayla Ward, Brittani Winn, and Freshman Kayla D'Arcangelo, Shannon Jones, Tara Leblanc, Katie Riley and are coached by Nancy Sullivan and Kathy Ruggiero.

Along with cheering at the Varsity Football games, they also prepare to compete among the best teams in the state of Massachusetts. In order to get to the top they work tireless hours on perfecting their tumbling skills, improving their stunting skills as well as working on motions, dance and jumps. Each of these skills are implemented into their two and a half minute routine and judged on a scale of either 1 to 5 or 1 to 10, depending on the category.

After the MSSAA had realigned the divisions, the Wildcats were no longer in Division 2 but now competing in an extremely talented Division 3. This realignment now meant that if they were to qualify for the state competition they would be competing against Burlington High School, the 2004 Division 2 State Champion, East Bridgewater, the 2004 Division 3 State Champion and Bartlett, the 2004 Division 4 State Champion. With that in mind, the team knew they needed to buckle down and work extremely hard to compete against

these teams.

The road to the state competition was somewhat bumpy but this group of young ladies demonstrated what a real team consisted of. The evening before the Cape Ann League competition, while at a team dinner they learned of some news that one of their teammates Brittani, may not be able to compete with them the following day due to an injury. They did not panic, they knew what needed to be done and were ready and willing to do whatever it took to rework the routine the next afternoon before heading off to competition. There was nothing keeping Brittani down and she was determined to go out there and win the CAL title once again with her team.

The Cape Ann League competition was held on Thursday, November 3rd at North Andover High School and that evening they rode back on their bus as CAL Champs, again.

While preparing for the North Regional Competition there were some changes that needed to be made and the girls worked hard to implement these changes. The North Regional, hosted by the MSSAA was held on Sunday, November 13th at Burlington High School. The girls took the floor first in their Division and set the mark. During their performance a few mistakes were made but they were still strong enough to hold onto 2nd place and advance to the State Finals. Congratulations to Burlington and Shawsheen Tech, who placed 1st and 3rd respectively. They were great competitors!

After a week of cleaning the routine and working hard, the girls headed into Sunday's State Finals with great confidence. Again,

having to take the floor first (luck of the draw) the girls knew what they needed to do. They were very relaxed prior to competing and appeared very excited and confident during warm-ups. When the team took the floor, they performed like never before and were very exciting to watch. They had so much fun and it truly showed on their faces.

After their performance, the team discussed how they felt and sat back and watched their competition. With Burlington, East Bridgewater and Bartlett all coming up they knew it would be tough...and it was! In the end, Wilmington was announced in 2nd place, tied with East Bridgewater and behind Burlington. This achievement is the best in the schools history.

Not only placing second among the states top teams, but also receiving their team high score of 176. This score also qualified them for a bid to Nationals, which is an incredible achievement. Congratulations also to Burlington on their State Title!

The Wilmington parents and fans were amazing and we could not have done it without all of you. Thank you to all the parents for their continued support and for allowing us to coach their extremely talented daughters. Both Nancy and Kathy are very proud to be involved with these girls and we look forward to the upcoming seasons!

Ladies remember: Believe in the impossible, reach deep within your heart. Overcome any obstacle, don't let this dream fall apart. Strive to be the very best, shine your light for all to see. Anything is possible when you believe!



The 2005 Wilmington High Cheerleaders finished first in the Cape Ann League competition, second at the North Sectional Meet and second at the state meet.

(courtesy photo)



The 2005 Wilmington High cheerleaders practiced on Friday afternoon preparing for this past weekend's state meet. The team consists of (not in order) captains Amy Butters, Brittany Collins and Charisse Marchesi, Juniors Jennelle Ciulla, Maggie Sorrentino and Jessy Welch, Sophmores Nicole Allan, Kim Ciampa, Amanda Ciulla, Jessi Crowley, Kathryn Fraser, Katelyn Gallant, Gina Rizzo, Amy Sinclair, Stephanie Sauve, Vicky Tanzella, Kayla Ward, Brittani Winn, and Freshman Kayla D'Arcangelo, Shannon Jones, Tara Leblanc, Katie Riley and are coached by Nancy Sullivan and Kathy Ruggiero.

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Wilmington Bantam D's take on Burlington

Wilmington's Bantam D team played one of their best this weekend vs. Burlington on their home ice. Wilmington had a nice start, skating hard and staying right on Burlington, giving them very few chances to score.

The first was a big defensive period. Moran and Mearls couldn't have done a better job with their smart defensive playing. Mearls always taking a look around for the best play.

Moran with his fast, aggressive style. Tom Shafer was looking good in this game, nice passing and quick feet and even playing the puck when he was down. Wilmington's Aucoin making a great glove save, kept the first scoreless. The second period was an exciting one! Burlington came out fast and scored the first goal of the game.

Wilmington didn't let that get them down, stepping up with

nice passing and hard hitting, it wasn't long until Wilmington put a point on the board. A nice pass from Kasparian to Shafer put one in the crease from the corner at 7:29 in the second. A nice hustle by Toto stopped Burlington's offense on a breakaway.

With a tie score of 1-1 in the second period, Wilmington was still skating hard. Mearls and Moran again on the defense, tied up Burlington nicely until they snuck a shot in on Joey Aucoin for their second goal with 3:40 left in the period.

Wilmington's aggressive Lee and Favuzza stayed tough, hitting hard and passing the puck around. Aucoin held them with the 2-1 lead in the second period, dropping down fast to make another save. The action didn't stop in the third period.

The Wildcat's whole team was full of fiery moves to keep Burlington on their toes. Meuse

was aggressive on the D, while fleet-footed Lee had a beautiful shot on Burlington that hit the inside of the post, so close!! Lee didn't stop there, he made Burlington look like practice comes as he skated around them with ease!

The Cats didn't slow down from there. Favuzza fed Benard a pass in front of the net to tie up the score 2-2. The pressure was on as Burlington's offense tried to stick to the defense, Mearls stood up to the hit like a wall and it was Burlington's tough guy who ended up down!

Hayes was trying his hardest to keep it in Burlington's zone with the help of Favuzza. Kasparian and Shafer were all over Burlington, stealing the puck out of their possession. An entire team effort and the smooth moves of Aucoin ended this game with a tie score of 2-2.



The Navajo Football team were crowned Champions recently in Tewksbury Youth Football season. Pictured here are: Chris Bettano, Danny LaMarca, Joey Tower, Sean Doucette, Mike Doucette, Doug McMenimen, Ryan Eatherton, Matt Kando, Daniel Ladderbush, Kevin Kirkland, Josh Fallon, Scott Thurlow, Donald Gorski, Tim Shugrue, Aaron Gribbon, Joe Vellozo, Matt Donovan, Bryan Grayson, Tom Gill, Willie Ramsdell, Anthony Cocca, Nicholas Cocca and Edwin Montenez. Coaches: Ralph Teixeira, Arthur Pino, Doug McMenimen and Sean Rogers.

(courtesy photo)

Squirt C's flying around the rink

Despite coming out on the short end of a 5-3 score against Reading, the Wilmington Squirt C Youth Hockey team turned in their best performance of the year thus far.

Not only were they faced with the team-to-beat in their Dual State division, they were missing three of their stalwart defensemen and fielded only nine skaters. Jamie Hill and Jared Walsh both raised their hand to man the blue line in a three-man rotation with Darren Mallett. Hill was a monster in front of the Wilmington goal clearing out any Reading player within reach.

Walsh was flying, rushing the puck when given an opening and hustling back to man his defensive post. Mallett had his break-out performance leaving the coaches scratching their heads wondering who the kid was wearing #5. Mallett turned on the jets on two occasions catching a Reading player from behind to break up a 2-on-

0. Glenn Sullivan was exceptional making 32 saves, many falling in the "highlight-reel" category. Sullivan stopped six break-aways, three 2-on-0s, and denied Reading on a 3-on-0 that the Reading kids still can't believe got stopped. This is not a slam on the Wilmington defense as these opportunities came end-of-shift and fatigue was setting in.

Kennedy Harper was buzzing around all game and got the Wilmington offense started in the first period on a nifty tape-to-tape pass from Tommy Thompson to make the game 1-0. Reading scored a late goal in the first period and provided the only goal in the second period making the score 2-1, setting the stage for an exciting third. Tommy Thompson tied the game, 2-2, on an unbelievable tic-tac-toe pass from David Souza and Robbie Fullerton.

Wilmington started losing its legs and the fully-manned Reading squad popped in two

goals to open the game, 4-2, but the Wilmington kids never gave up. The Wilmington squad got a welcome boost from Joey Marino who was back from injured reserve.

Marino jammed in a Joe Bolognese rebound to bring Wilmington to within one goal, 4-3. Wilmington applied the pressure to get the equalizer, but got caught in an odd man rush allowing Reading to score in a scrum at the crease with Sullivan kicking out three opportunities before yielding the final tally.

Not lost in the game was the incredible back-checking of forwards Bolognese, Fullerton, Thompson, Marino, Harper, and Souza to help out the defensive corps. Time and time again, these kids hustled back to break up many Reading threats.

A special thanks to the coaches, Bob Mallett, Rick Hill, Greg Sullivan, and Dave Souza and the team sponsor, Mallett Electric, for their support.



THEY'RE THE TOPS! Players and volunteers joined for a last hurrah or GOOOOALLLLL! As the TOPS Soccer season wound to a close, Wilmington Youth Soccer supports this worthy program give the opportunity to participate in the world's most popular sport to some of the most deserving children.

(courtesy photo)

TOPS Soccer puts a wrap on the season

Dear Editor,
The players involved in TOPS soccer (Fall 2005) and their parents wish to thank all those involved with the program. Coach Ed Celli has been running the program for 7 seasons now and every year is more successful than the last. This year, as in years past, he has had the help of Coach Shari Belding, who keeps everyone in touch and up to date on all the issues we need to know about. This season one of the Coaches parents, Larry and Diane

Poirier, stepped up to the plate by volunteering their services. Luckily the program keeps growing by leaps and bounds and every season we have a mix of old and new coaches to carry on for those who have gone on to graduate from high school and who can continue to work with our children. These teenage coaches give their time and energy effortlessly and probably do not realize how much of an impact their positive attitudes have on our children!

We are grateful to have the support of the Wilmington Youth Soccer Board who go out of their way to make sure this program is so successful. This program wouldn't be in existence without everyone's help and we just wanted to let everyone know how appreciative we are. We can't wait until the Spring when we can do it all over again.

Sincerely,
The players and parents of the TOPS Soccer Program

Middle School hockey program holds skating date

The Wilmington Middle School Hockey Program will be holding an evaluation skate on November 27th at 7:20 pm at Phillips Academy Arena in Andover. This skate is for 7th and 8th graders only.

If you have any questions please visit our website www.wilmingtonathletics.com/middleschoolhockey; or contact Ed Barrasso at 978-658-3301

Reed makes Framingham hoop team

Dan Reed, a 2005 graduate of Shawsheen High School, made the men's basketball team at Framingham State College. Reed, a 6'2" freshman majoring in business, plays guard and forward for the Rams. Reed is part of a team that finished second in the MASCAC last season. The Rams begin regular season play on Friday, November 8 at the Gordon College Tournament.

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Pam DeGennaro, a volunteer Boy Scout mom helped Troop 56 decorate wreaths for their 15th annual tree and wreath sales fundraiser event to be held December 3rd through he 19th at Colonial Park Plaza. Proceeds from the sales will help Scouts pay for summer camp. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)



Photos from New Orleans' East Bank show some of Katrina's most devastating destruction. The home above was moved completely across the channel and came to rest on an SUV. Two local men just returned from volunteering to assist in the relief effort. Their story is on page one and continued below. (courtesy photo)



Rotary Club President John Doherty in amongst some of the items auctioned off on Friday night during the Wilmington Rotary Club's Annual Auction. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Schools

FROM PAGE 1

has received the most media attention, is to consolidate Chelmsford's five elementary schools down to four, closing Westlands Elementary School. In addition to this, Moser said there is a list of serious reductions across the board.

The second alternative is further reductions in the K-12 programs. According to Moser the Chelmsford School Committee has not yet discussed these options, and will not until open session. At present they are just responding to the concept of consolidating the schools.

Wilmington, which has thus far stood nearly alone in its ability to survive the last few years without suffering from drastic cuts or the implementation of user fees, will face serious challenges in FY07, according to Superintendent William McAlduff.

The Wilmington School Committee has been working on budget numbers since August and the school principals have recently submitted their first round of budget information.

"I have been telling our staff that the FY07 budget will be the most challenging that the school system has faced in many, many years," McAlduff said.

It is far too early, according to McAlduff, to speculate on whether the school department will have to resort to user fees.

"Our number one priority is to maintain all programs at the current levels," McAlduff said. "We don't foresee a significant increase in enrollment, but FY07, in many ways, could be a watershed year."

In FY06, the school department managed to make due with less than a 1 percent increase over the FY05 budget.

"We have weathered the storm over the last few years, and we've done it in the face of drastic cuts to state aid," McAlduff said. "I have to give the Town Manager, the Finance Committee, and the Board of Selectmen credit for sound fiscal management over the last ten years or so. I also credit the School Committee with crafting

reasonable budgets over the last several years."

Tewksbury schools have suffered through two years of level funded budgets. One of the ways in which Tewksbury managed to stay within a level funded budget was by doing away with the half-day kindergarten schedule in favor of a full-day schedule with students attending either a 2-day or 3-day per week schedule. The elimination of mid-day busing saved more than \$100,000 in transportation costs, but resulted in a sizable backlash among concerned parents.

For FY07, Tewksbury schools are being asked to go beneath the level funded budgets of the last two years by trimming off an additional 5 percent. Such reductions, according to Tewksbury Superintendent Dr. Christine McGrath will drastically alter the structure of the entire department.

In Chelmsford, Moser attributes his community's financial difficulties most directly to the formula the state uses to divvy out state aid to municipalities. Moser refers specifically to the state's Chapter 70 funds, which contribute to a municipality's educational costs.

According to Moser, the guidelines of Chapter 70 were made over a decade ago, when growth climates and median incomes in various communities were significantly different. "There's great inequity (among municipalities)," he said.

In the last five years, Moser said they have lost thirty teachers due to budget cuts.

"It's already reduced," said Moser.

Like Chelmsford, Wilmington is also a municipality that appears to receive an inequitable portion of Chapter 70 funds. Last year, Wilmington received approximately \$3.3 million in Chapter 70 aid, while Tewksbury received approximately \$11.7 million in Chapter 70 aid. Tewksbury is a larger community, but not by a factor of three. Tewksbury's population is approximately 30,000, while Wilmington has a population of approximately 22,000.

Giving thanks...

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Camille. The city hall now has a big hole in the side of it as a result of Katrina. Most of the town facilities have been relocated to a trailer village set inland to house a makeshift police station, library, public restrooms and showers.

In Pass Christian, Dave and Gary slept in a cramped unheated tent without electricity or running water. They ate Salvation Army food and experienced first-hand the life what hurricane victims have been enduring.

Gary and David spent the bulk of their week in New Orleans. Their major task was to clean and sanitize a parking lot outside of a football stadium in City Park, a neighborhood that was under more than 20 feet of water after the hurricane. The area was being prepared to offer temporary housing and a place for meal distribution to large groups of local residents, workers and those left homeless from the storms.

A two inch thick layer of toxic mud had been skimmed from the parking surface. Gary and Dave focused on the final clean up and sanitation, spending hours each day with bleach, brooms, power washers and air dryers. They then helped to set up a huge tent and equipped it with propane heaters. The new facility will give volunteer workers a warm place to set up sleeping bags and hold meetings on the cold winter nights ahead. With as many as 2,000 meals being served each day, Gary and Dave also got assigned to some serious trash clean up duties.

At other times, Gary and Dave traveled around the communities to assist people who were trying to return to damaged homes for clean up or to recover possessions. They assisted with food, water, and prayer.

The surrounding areas were completely overwhelming. "The area of devastation was roughly equal to a five-mile wide strip of land running along the coast from New York City all the way to Maine," Gary said. "Nearly every home in that area - probably more than one million properties - were damaged or completely

destroyed. It didn't seem like any reasonable amount of federal aid will ever be able to restore the area, which makes the volunteer efforts so essential."

Dave recalled, "We saw some roads that were completely impassable with houses that had been dropped in the middle of the street. Other homes were moved completely across the channel, some landing on cars or other homes. The scene reminded me of the Wizard of Oz."

While in New Orleans, Gutierrez and Molgard stayed at the homes of life-long friends of the Gutierrezes, Paula Franco and her son, Jorge. The Francos' homes suffered notable damage from the storm; however, several extended family members' homes were deemed unlivable. For those family members, restoration efforts are at a standstill until they can be processed through the long wait for an insurance adjuster. The Franco's, like many others in the area, now have multiple families living under one damaged roof.

David Gutierrez and wife, Mariela, moved to Massachusetts earlier this year from Florida where they witnessed first hand the power and devastation of hurricanes. Mariela recalls the severe destruction from Hurricane Andrew in 1992. She notes, "Dave and I joined relief efforts

after Andrew hit to help restore a friend's church in Homestead, Florida." Mariela added, "Dave's interest in the New Orleans' trip was a result of his reading 'The Purpose Driven Life' by Rick Warren, which rekindled Dave's heart for serving others."

Gary Molgard is no stranger to mission trips either. Gary and wife, Nancy, spent two years in Alto Cochabamba, Bolivia from 1974 until after their second child was born. The Molgards have also served as missionaries to Mexico and Guyana. Nancy continues her "community mission" efforts as a third grade teacher at the Abundant Life Christian School, where she fosters that same sense of loving outreach toward local children on a daily basis.

Gary's and Dave's employers, GE and Raytheon respectively, have both been extremely supportive of relief efforts. GE and its employees have donated

over \$20 million in cash, goods, and services to the effort and the White House has acknowledged Raytheon's many contributions to recent hurricane relief efforts.

As Gary and David return home this week they are especially thankful for comfortable surroundings, a home-cooked meal and a greater appreciation for the little blessings in life that we tend to overlook

until calamity strikes.

Relief efforts in the Gulf region are far from over. There are many months of labor ahead taking damaged homes apart and then years of reconstruction to restore the area. Information about financial needs, spring break and weekend relief projects through Campus Crusade for Christ can be found at www.campuscrusadeforchrist.org.

Wilmington's First Baptist Church is also planning their mission calendar for 2006 to include a follow up trip to the hurricane-ravaged gulf region. For more information about participating in or donating to mission / relief efforts you can call the First Baptist Church at 978-658-8584, send e-mail to fbcwilmington@digizip.com, or visit <http://wilmingtonfbc.org/>.

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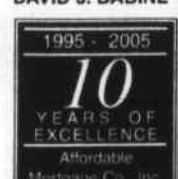
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James Johnston of Wilmington Boy Scout Troop 56 helped out the troop on Saturday by stacking the decorated wreaths in preparation for the upcoming sales event at Colonial Park Mall beginning December 3. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)



Alyce Elworthy and Linda Ransom sorted through the hand knitted sweaters made by Debra Fitzgerald at the Buzzell Senior Center annual Holiday craft fair held on Saturday. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Call to action! Support WCTV & public access television

Wilmington has reached an important juncture in the quest to protect local franchising and PEG and I-Net resources for its community. On December 5, a Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall to discuss the cable contract and the communication needs of the Wilmington community. It is critical that members including individual residents and representatives of the service organizations from throughout the community come in and speak for a few minutes about the value of public access television and I-Net resources. It is time for residents to speak up in support of preserving the Town's public access channels and funding. WCTV needs to build support among its producer base and viewers. WCTV supporters ask all Wilmington residents to come to the meeting and express support of WCTV and public access television! Help to protect the wonderful community channels residents have all come to know and use for 18 years! Preserve the ability to view important local programs and events such as:

- Board of Selectmen meetings, School Committee Meetings, other town meetings;
- Political debates between local candidates;
- Local town events such as the 275th parade, the Fourth of July celebration,
- Good Guy events and Concerts on the Common;
- Local high school football games and other local sports events;
- Annual high school, middle school and elementary school events
- Band performances, musicals,

plays and chorale events;

Weekly coverage of the church services throughout the community;

Cultural programs at the local library and arts council;

Programs produced by the neighborhood teenagers and middle-school students;

Fundraising events such as the Annual Rotary auction;

Fire safety programs such as "Safety for All Seasons." Public safety programs such as "Operation: Safe Prom,"

Health information and screening events announced on the local community bulletin board;

Recreation events for children, adults and seniors announced on the community bulletin board;

Distance learning programs for schools and homebound students.

WCTV supporters believe that living in a democracy means having the ability for community dialogue and that space is provided on local Public, Educational and Government (PEG) Channels. Residents rely on the availability of this "public greenspace" in our local communities to get our local information and to build civic pride.

WCTV asks you to come and speak at this meeting on December 5 or to write a letter to the Cable Advisory Chairperson, Jeff Hull, expressing your support. Let your town know that you believe in and support open and free public spaces such the ability to use your PEG access channels and resources!

Traffic impact

FROM PAGE 1

this is about as good as it has ever been," said Representative James Miceli.

Miceli has been a vocal opponent of the project, which he feels is too dense for the intersection and the surrounding neighborhood.

"I sat in traffic for ten minutes on Burlington Avenue and then I sat in traffic for about 15 to 20 minutes on Route 38," Miceli said. "My mistake was not hiring a consultant to tell me that I was only sitting there for two minutes."

Wilmington Board of Selectmen Chairman Raymond Lepore asked why the Town was sponsoring so much housing in the Town Center, when it should be a business and retail area.

Board of Appeals Chairman Charles Boyle stated that the Town wasn't sponsoring hous-

ing in the area.

"Town officials are simply responding to applications that come before us," Boyle said.

Board of Appeals member, Bob Doucette, reminded residents that some type of development will go on that land, whether Crystal Commons or something else.

The property is currently zoned to accommodate general office or light industrial, which the developer has every right to build, without going through the Board of Appeals process.

"I'll ask a question of the residents," Doucette said.

"Knowing that something is going there, which would you prefer, residential or commercial? Drop a note to the Chairman and we will all get a copy."

Crystal Commons will appear before the Board of Appeals again on December 19th.

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Volcano

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coals of western Pennsylvania and other regions were laid down during this same period, in which the pudding stones and schists were laid down in New England. Hence, the period is known as the Carboniferous Period.

When Boston sank

All of what today is Boston Harbor and the nearby cities once sank for thousands of feet, as the result of the weights of rocks in the area. The hole which resulted (and which has since nearly filled) can easily be marked off, in such places as Malden, Arlington and the Blue Hills.

The sinking of the land in and near Boston was a gradual process which took thousands of years. There was great stress and strain in the nearby hills. Cracks and curves appeared in the rocks.

Through these cracks, the molten rock beneath found a way to escape to the surface, and dozens of volcanoes appeared around Boston.

In the vicinity of Woburn, there were dozens of volcanoes,

all pouring thousands of tons of lava and basalt upon the surface of the earth. Three volcanoes surround what is now Woburn Center. Horn Pond Mountain, now the reservoir of the City of Woburn, was a volcano. Today's pond is in the old volcano mouth. The hill known as Blueberry Hill, on the Woburn - Winchester line, was a volcano. In the early to mid 1900's, a quarry there provided hundreds of thousands of tons of rock for road building and railroads in eastern Massachusetts.

The northernmost of these volcanoes was just north of the Woburn-Wilmington line, today called Cook's Hill.

It is a mere shadow of its former self, for the ice ages, which began about one million years ago, ground down what had been an imposing mountain into a small hill, but the lava rock, the basalt, and the throat of the volcano can still be seen.

The most interesting point to be seen without climbing the hill is the cut where Route 38 runs through the hill. This cut was done about 1927, when

Main Street was relocated. Previously, the road ran around the hill and around a pond known as Squaw Pond, which was filled in at that time.

The name Squaw Pond arose from the accidental killing of an Indian woman there in 1705, which resulted in the Harnden Massacre, but that is another story.

The contracting firm which took the job of cutting through Cook's Hill and building the new road went bankrupt because of the nature of the rock left by the volcano. Because the hill is a mixture of granite, schist and basalt, the drills refused to go into the hard rock and instead bent and turned into the softer schist. Unable to maintain its drills and unable to finish the job, the company went bankrupt.

Atop the hill for many years, there was a stone chapel, built by a Greek-American. He had built it with the intention of it becoming an Orthodox Church. But it was abandoned, and during Prohibition it became a hangout for bootleggers.

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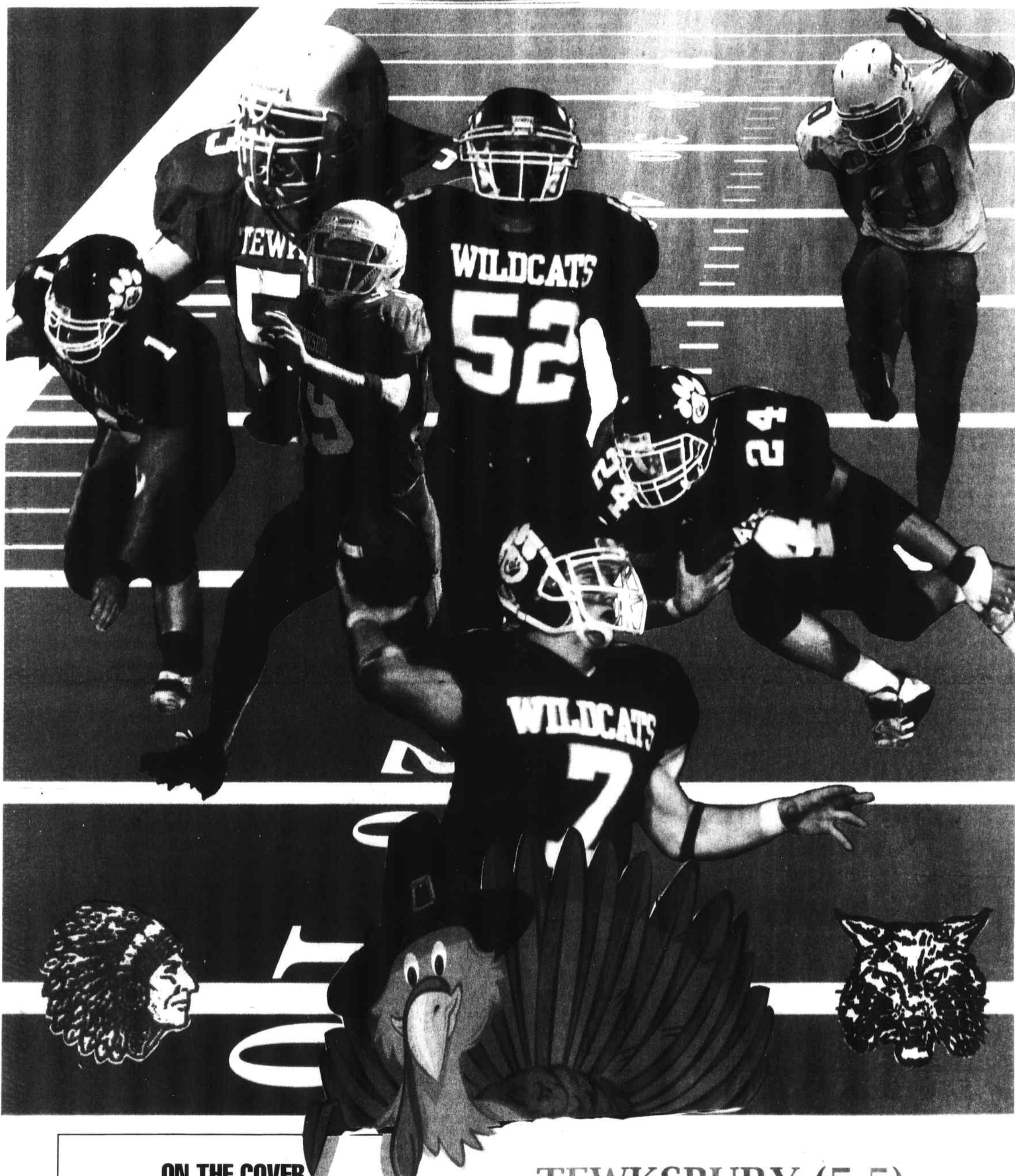
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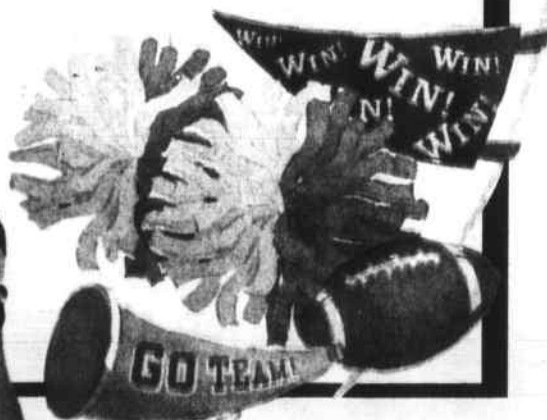
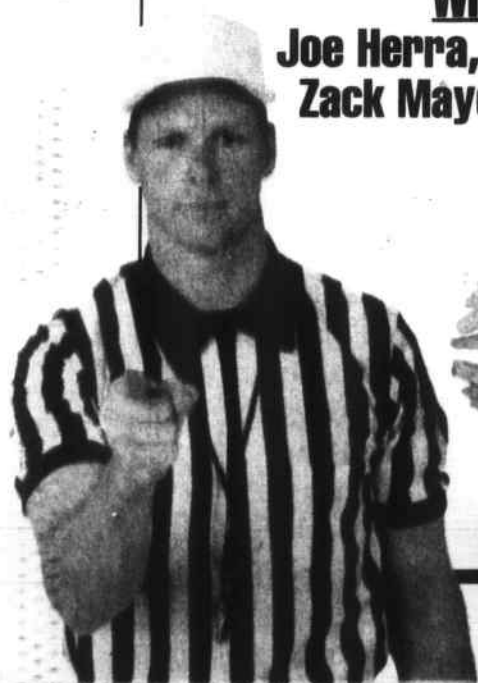
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Tewksbury Game Preview

Redmen plan on ending losing streak

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

When the Tewksbury High football team squares off against Wilmington High on Thanksgiving morning at Doucette Field there will not be

any playoff spot on the line for the Redmen, but there will be plenty of motivation. Along with the obvious bragging rights between two arch rivals that will be at stake, the Redmen will also be playing for

a winning season. Tewksbury will bring a 5-5 record into the game against the 8-2 Wildcats after dropping their previous two games, hard fought MVC contests against Chelmsford and Central Catholic.

The Redmen will also be looking to avert a potential three game losing streak to the Wildcats who have defeated them the past two seasons, including last year's 19-8 triumph at Wilmington High. Last season the Redmen also entered Thanksgiving with a 5-5 record only to see dreams of a winning season go up in smoke at the hands of the playoff bound Wildcats who wrapped up a perfect 11-0 regular season with the victory.

Tewksbury coach Brian Aylward has been through a lot with his team this season and he is looking to send them into the off season with what he feels would be a well deserved win.

"It's been like a rollercoaster ride this year where we have won one and then lost one, but the kids have worked hard all season," Aylward said. "It would be great to get this one because it would be indicative of how this team has played all season."

With a couple of breaks, perhaps the Redmen could have a couple more wins on their resume heading into Turkey Day. The 26-20 loss to Chelmsford two weeks ago as well as the 10-7 loss to Central Catholic last week are just two examples of games that were within their grasp, but victory eluded them.

But one thing that has not eluded the Redmen at all this season has been a total team effort in each game. Whatever happens come Thursday morning, Aylward will take pride in having coached this team.

"The kids have been very coachable. They have really latched on to game plans and have been able to adapt even within games to counter what our opponent is doing," Aylward said. "That's a tribute to their focus in practice and believing in what they have to do."

Aylward knows the Redmen will need a great game plan as well as great execution of the plan when they line up across the ball from a high powered Wilmington offense featuring last year's Cape Ann League MVP and All-Scholastic, senior quarterback Joe Herra who has thrown for 10 touchdowns and 956 yards this season.

"The unique problem that he presents is that unlike some of the other marquee players we have faced this year he has the ball in his hands on every play and there is only so much you can scheme against him," Aylward said. "He is also tough as nails. He is as tough a total football player as we have played."

While Herra has deservedly garnered many of the headlines for the Wildcats, Aylward and the rest of the Tewksbury coaches know that he has not



Tewksbury High football coach Brian Aylward has done a fantastic job this season behind the bench as his Redmen come in with a 5-5 record, and look to knock off the Wildcats for the first time in three years in Thursday's 72nd annual Thanksgiving Game.

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Tewksbury 2005 Season

Results (5-5)

Sept 10	Tewksbury 28, Tyngsboro 7
Sept 16	Wakefield 19, Tewksbury 0
Sept 24	Tewksbury 34, Andover 21
Oct 1	Billerica 40, Tewksbury 0
Oct 8	Tewksbury 9, Lowell 0
Oct 16	Dracut 13, Tewksbury 9
Oct 22	Tewksbury 35, Methuen 6
Oct 28	Tewksbury 21, Haverhill 14
Nov 4	Chelmsford 28, Tewksbury 20
Nov 12	Central Catholic 10, Tewksbury 7

Tewksbury Football Stats

Score By Quarters

Tewksbury	14	53	42	54 - 163
Opponents	14	63	22	57 - 156

Team Stats

	Opp	Tew
First Downs	104	1,114
Rushes-Yds	299-1,093	379-1,445
Passing-Att-Int	61-121-4	51-98-3
Passing yards	896	681
Total Yards	1,989	2,126
Fumbles-lost	15-6	24-10
Penalties-yards	47-379	43-343

Individual Stats

Passing: T, Nick Ianetta 54-for-86, 579 yards, 5 TDs, 3 INTs; Patrick Brewin 2-for-3, 82 yards, 1 TD; Patrick Donohue 1-for-2, 20 yards; Brian Sullivan 0-for-1, 0 yards.
Rushing: T, David Tiberio 116-558, 10 TDs, Patrick Brewin 56-394, TD; Adam Power 79-338, 3 TDs; Kevin McCarthy 20-102; Nick Ianetta 77-41, 3 TDs; Justin Torname 4-30; Jim Tarpey 2-16; Mike Hanifin 5-14; Andrew Jarek 1-9; Steve Alves 2-8, Derek Lowe 5-1; Mike Perry 1 - (-2); Patrick Morrissey 1 - (-7); Pat Appiani 1 - (-14).
Receiving: T, Patrick Morrissey 17-172, TD; Pat Appiani 14-162, 2 TDs; Patrick Brewin 14-137, TD; Kevin McCarthy 6-80; Nick Ianetta 1-52, TD; Brian Sullivan 1-26; Justin Torname 1-20; Adam Power 3-19; David Tiberio 1 (-1).

Team Scoring

Player	TD	1pt	2pt	FG	Total
David Tiberio	10	0	1	0	66
Nick Ianetta	4	0	0	0	24
Tom Byrne	0	18	0	1	21
Adam Power	3	0	0	0	18
Pat Appiani	2	0	0	0	12
Patrick Brewin	2	0	0	0	12
Derek Lowe	2	0	0	0	12
P. Morrissey	1	0	0	0	6



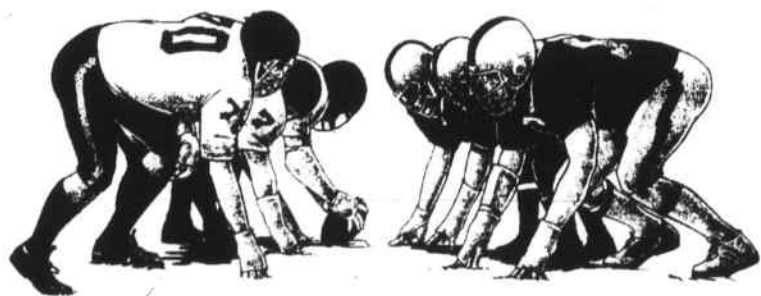
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done it alone and that they must be prepared for all facets of Wilmington's multi pronged attack, including running back Zack Mayo who has scored 16 touchdowns this season, along with many others. The Wilmington offense has piled up over 3,000 yards of total offense this season.

"Their success has been their balance. If you overplay Herra then Mayo is as good a back as we have seen all year. And the Downs kid is a hard nosed bull of a kid who has taken over games. And Barry has been outstanding all season," said Aylward.

And when Herra throws the ball, he's got a talented group of receivers to throw to, including tight end Kyle Borsetti and wide receiver Sean Murphy.

"Murphy is a good, big tall athletic receiver and Borsetti has also looked good for them," Aylward said. "And Greg Stewart has been excellent for them at every position from end to running back. He is a talented kid."

When the Redmen have the ball, their talented offense featuring junior quarterback Nick Ianetta (54-for-86, 579 yards with 5 TDs and 3 INTs) along with a backfield that includes seniors Pat Brewin (394 yards, 1 TD) and David Tiberio (558 yards and 10 TDs) and junior Adam Power (338 yards and 3 TDs) must contend with a strong Wilmington defense led by Herra, who has picked off 12 passes from his defensive back position.

"They are as balanced on defense as they are on offense," Aylward said. "They are just a solid football team and there is not one are where we can attack."

The Wildcats will certainly offer one of the most formidable challenges of the season for the Redmen, but Aylward also feels that his team will be up to the challenge. One thing they must avoid however is getting caught up in any notion of trying to make up for past defeats.

Along with last year's 19-8 loss, the Redmen have lost three out of the last four games, including a 41-22 drubbing in 2003. It is the first time since the 1983-84 seasons that Wilmington has won back-to-back Thanksgiving Day games, and while the Redmen certainly do not want to make it three straight, Aylward knows that cannot be the team's focus.

"If (Tewksbury wins) it will be redemption, but I think the (kids) understand that this game is not about that," Aylward said. "It's hard not to feel that way when you are a senior, but I think this group understands that this game is bigger than they are. It is about the tradition of Tewksbury football and over 70 years of Thanksgiving Day games."

And while Thanksgiving has always been a very special day for the senior players, Aylward wants them to remember that they will not be the only players battling for a victory in the season's final game.

"They understand that we need contributions from everybody and that is why we have been so successful this season," Aylward said. "I think every kid has to play this game as if it is the last game they will ever play, whether or not they are

seniors."

And with the Redmen all taking the field with that attitude, Aylward knows he will get a maximum effort as the Redmen try to secure a victory that will not only guarantee a winning season, but will also give Tewksbury football much more than that.

"It would be really huge on a number of levels," Aylward said. "Number one it is important for this group of seniors. Also, it will give some momentum to the younger guys leading to next season. It would just be good for the program altogether."

Tewksbury 2005 Roster

Number	Name	Year
1	Jason Bucci	Sr
2	Ryan Lemelin	Sr
3	Patrick Donohue	Sr
4	Dan Kasprzak	Sr
6	Patrick Morrissey	Sr
7	Jim Tarpey	So
8	Mike Perry	Jr
9	Chris Texiera	So
10	Nick Ianetta	Jr
14	Matt Bowdridge	So
20	Stephen Alves	Jr
21	Mike Hanifin	So
22	Tim Bennett	Jr
24	Eric Magee	So
25	Mike Taylor	So
27	Mike Willey	So
28	Kevin McCarthy	Sr
30	Justin Torname	So
32	Joshua Rivera	So
33	Adam Power	Jr
34	Patrick Devlin	So
35	Andrew Jarek	Jr
36	Patrick Brewin	Sr
37	Jason Montes	Sr
38	Derek Lowe	So
39	David Tiberio	Sr
41	Joe Bucci	So
42	Will Keeley	So
43	Mike White	So
50	Tom Byrne	Sr
51	Dan Devoe	So
52	Conor Flanagan	So
53	Rob Rotondi	Sr
54	Chad Chartienitz	Sr
55	Dave Diorio	Jr
56	Derek Welch	Sr
57	Teagan McCarthy	Sr
58	Tyler Deshler	So
59	AJ Terrio	Jr
60	Ed Donovan	So
62	Wayne Cabral	So
63	Steve Bryan	Sr
64	Derek Woolaver	Jr
65	Patrick Riley	Sr
68	Eric Salvo	Jr
70	John Latta	Sr
71	Joe Griffin	Sr
72	Jake Brothers	Jr
73	Bryan O'Keefe	So
74	Justin Sharifi	Jr
75	Travis Ianetta	So
76	Dominick Starliper	So
79	Matt Plant	Jr
80	Patrick Sugrue	Jr
82	Patrick Appiani	Sr
83	David Carrigan	Jr
84	Brian Sullivan	Jr
85	Shawn Bryan	So
88	TJ Hughes	So

Head Coach: Brian Aylward

Assistant Coaches: Brian Hickey, Tom Ryan, Paul Norton, Rob Aylward, Mark Bradley, Tom Bradley, Jim Gallotto, Tom Aylward, Ralph Perrotti.

Wilmington Game Preview

Wildcats looking for a three-peat

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

There may not be a league title on the line, or a playoff game next week, but there's still a lot riding on the line for the Wilmington High football team in Thursday's 72nd annual Thanksgiving Game against the Tewksbury Redmen to be played at Doucette Field beginning at 10:00 am.

Wilmington's quest for a second consecutive Cape Ann League championship came to a halt on Friday, November 11th when North Andover defeated them 28-14 in the seniors final game at Alumni Stadium. The 'Cats ended their league schedule with an 8-2 record, giving them an 18-2 mark since the start of last season.

For the 'Cats they need redemption for last week's loss that left them empty inside knowing that this Thanksgiving Game is all that's left for football memories. And there's nothing like coming out with a victory on the final game of your career.

"I don't know if the kids are like that," answered Wilmington coach Bob Almeida when asked about a possible letdown. "I have always considered this game the defining moment of their careers. I

think there's no better way to go out in your careers than win on Thanksgiving Day."

"I'd be pretty disappointed if we didn't bring our 'A' game. We better bring it against Tewksbury, because they have so much to play for. We beat them the last two years so they want revenge. Plus they want to end their season with a winning record and that's huge for them. They will take it to us if we're not ready."

Wilmington is coming off consecutive Turkey Game victories over the Redmen. Last year the 'Cats won 19-8 at home, the year after defeating Tewksbury, 41-22, in a wild contest played at Doucette Field. Those two wins marked the first time since 1983 and '84 that the Wildcats won consecutive games. Wilmington hasn't defeated Tewksbury three straight times since 1966 to 1968 - a streak that started nearly 40 years ago.

The 'Cats probably have its biggest task in hand over the last three years because this Tewksbury team is pretty darn good. With a 5-5 record this year, the Redmen have gone toe-to-toe with Chelmsford and Central Catholic, while defeating Lowell, Andover, Methuen and Tyngsboro handily, and coming up with a huge come from behind win over

Haverhill.

The last two years the 'Cats had to find a way to contain Chris Byrne, who is playing at Northeastern University on a full scholarship. While this year's Redmen roster doesn't have a guy like Byrne who can dominate on both sides of the ball, it has a group of kids, who never, ever stop and that turns into executing plays and somehow winning football games.

"I think this is the most cohesive team Tewksbury has had," said Almeida. "Tewksbury always plays hard but this team plays very hard. Every down these guys play so hard."

Over the last two seasons, Wilmington has won 18 games because of its offense. It's electric. Wilmington has outscored its opponents 295-108 including an incredible 89-13 margin in the first quarter. The 'Cats have chalked up 3,282 total yards of offense, including 2,236 yards on the ground and 956 yards in the air.

Senior quarterback Joe Herra - who ranks 16th all-time in the entire state with 44 career touchdown passes - comes into the game completing 58-of-109 passes for 956 yards with 10 TD passes and just four interceptions. He has strong targets in Sean Murphy (24 catches, 425 yards and 4 TDs), Greg Stewart (11 catches, 225 yards and 4 TDs) and Zack Mayo (10 catches, 126 yards and 1 TD), who have combined for 45 catches, 776 yards and 9 TDs.

On the ground, Wilmington has been extremely dangerous, except it didn't really have a chance to show that against North Andover. Mayo has been nothing short of sensational rushing for 875 yards with 14 touchdowns (he's added two other TDs), while Rich Barry, Herra and Stephen Downs have combined for almost 1,000 yards with 13 touchdowns.

Wilmington will have its hands full against a pretty good defensive eleven of Tewksbury, that has given up just 156 points this season, 42 coming in one miserable loss to Billerica. Tewksbury's defensive line has been pretty solid all season long led by nose guard David Tiberio (5-8, 185), tackles Pat Riley (6-3, 240) and Chad Chartienitz (5-9, 180), ends Derek Lowe (5-11, 170) and Pat Sugrue (6-3, 190) as well as linebackers Tommy Byrne (5-11, 205) and Conor Flanagan (5-9, 175). Tiberio and Byrne have been phenomenal all season defensively, really making a lot of things happen with pressure, tackles and incredible pursuit to stop opposing players.

Tewksbury has caused six fumbles, has given up just over 100 rushing yards per game including an average of 3.7 yards per carry.

The secondary of Kevin McCarthy, Pat Brewin, Adam Power and Dan Kasprzak has helped the team come up with four interceptions on the season.

"Defensively they blitz a lot



Wilmington High football coach Bob Almeida (center) hopes his Wildcats can defeat Tewksbury for the third straight year, something that hasn't been done since 1966-1968.

(Jessica Stygles photo)

and really come after you," said Almeida, who mentioned how he's been impressed with Tiberio, Appiani and Byrne on the defensive side of the ball.

Defense for Wilmington has been at times a problem. The 'Cats gave up 203 rushing yards alone to North Andover's Kevin Foote in the team's last game. On the season Wilmington's defense has given up 108 points, 1,059 rushing yards, 479 passing yards and a total of 1,538 of offense. Wilmington gives up an average of 4.2 yards per carry which certainly is a number that grabs your attention. However the 'Cats give up less than 50 yards per game in the air and an average of 153 yards of total offense per game which on the flip side of the team's run defense is pretty impressive.

Herra leads the charge defensively and again he's been nothing short of spectacular. In the loss against North Andover, he had 27 tackles and he played free safety. He also has 12 interceptions on the season, and incredible number, considering the entire team has 14.

Downs (5-10, 215) has battled injuries this season, especially early on, and he's one of the two linebackers along with Mike Laffarello (5-10, 180). Nick Hogan (5-11, 215), Mike Haepers (6-0, 200), Matt Marden (5-8, 185), Kyle Borsetti (5-10, 190) and Murphy (6-2, 220) comprise the defensive line, as the defense has forced seven fumbles.

That defense will have the chore of going up against a core of different running backs, many different formations and also a handful of receivers who are tough, physical and who can catch the ball. Tiberio has battled injuries and didn't play against Central, but when healthy he's the straight ahead runner who says try to bring me down. He has rushed for 558 yards this season with 10 touchdowns.

Pat Brewin, Adam Power,

Kevin McCarthy and quarterback Nick Ianetta have combined to rush for 875 yards and score seven additional touchdowns.

Receivers Patrick Morrissey, Appiani, Brewin and McCarthy have been solid when the team elects to pass, combining for 51 catches for 551 yards and 4 TDs. Junior quarterback Nick Ianetta is playing in his first season as the signal caller. He's had several very strong games and also struggled in a few, and also had games when he didn't pass all that much because the ground game was so effective. On the season he has completed 54-of-86 passes, a terrific 63 percent rate, for 579 yards including five touchdowns and three interceptions.

"I love the Tiberio kid," said Almeida. "I can't imagine we have seen a running back who runs as hard as he does this season. The most improved player I think is the quarterback. We had (Ianetta) in the youth camp and to be honest I didn't think he threw the ball all that well. But he's really impressed me. He can throw the ball, he can run the ball and he makes good decisions back there."

"Appiani is a big kid who plays with confidence. He's physical, he has good hands and that's why they have him at tight end. Brewin makes a lot of things happen and Byrne is an

excellent guard."

It's pretty evident that this Tewksbury team is arguably the toughest, most rounded and certainly the biggest over-achieving team in quite some time. The Redmen always come up with their own bag of tricks on this game which should make things even more interesting. Either way Almeida knows what is at stake, how much he and his staff have to prepare and how much this game and this rivalry means to him, the team and the town of Wilmington.

"Tewksbury is always competitive," said Almeida. "And that's what makes our game so great. They have played such a difficult schedule and how well they have played is really a testament to Brian and his entire staff. This might be their best coaching job ever and I hope by saying that I don't sound like I judge other coaches. But I think they have done a fantastic job. They like we do are thin in some areas."

"I've seen them play a few times and they came up with a gutsy win over Lowell, they could've beat Chelmsford and then lost to Central without arguably their two best players."

Wilmington 2005 Football Roster

Number	Name	Year
1	Stephen Downs	Sr
3	Steve Cruz	Jr
5	Kyle Borsetti	Jr
6	Kirk Wayshville	Jr
7	Joe Herra	Sr
8	Taylor Kyle	So
9	Sean Murphy	Sr
10	Antar George	So
11	Scott Bransfield	Jr
13	Kyle Moon	So
15	Greg Stewart	Jr
18	Mike Enright	So
19	Ryan Olivieri	Sr
20	Cory Groves	So
21	Ernie Mello	So
22	Rich Barry	Jr
23	Kyle Lunt	So
24	Zack Mayo	Sr
25	Phil Minghella	Jr
30	Evan Borsetti	Jr
31	Chris Holland	So
33	Mike Laffarello	Jr
35	Matt Brooks	So
36	Tom Barry	So
42	Shawn Fahey	Jr
43	Kevin Skinner	Jr
47	Mike Pizzotti	So
51	Mike Barry	Jr
52	Matt Marden	Sr
53	Ken Adams	Jr
54	Mike Johnson	Jr
55	Kevin Cavanaugh	Jr
56	Nick Manent	Sr
57	JJ Lyons	So
57	Jerry Smith	Jr
58	John Baldwin	So
59	Ryan Loring	Jr
60	Conor Moroney	Sr
61	Mike Sorrentino	Sr
62	Brendan DeMango	Jr
63	Matt Williams	So
64	Ken Joyce	So
65	Louie Cimaglia	So
66	Jon Kinkaid	So
67	Nate Merse	Jr
68	Ryan Jones	Jr
70	Nick Hogan	Sr
71	Nate Clarkin	So
72	Mike Fields	Sr
74	Nick Underwood	Sr
77	Mike Haepers	Sr
78	Billy Liston	So
79	Chris Rastellini	So
81	Zach Fahey	So
83	Vinny See	Jr
83	Pat Cassidy	So
88	Kevin Carter	So

Head Coach: Bob Almeida

Assistant Coaches: Mike Barry, Carl Stauffer, Tim Jones, Rich DeLucia, Scott Almeida.

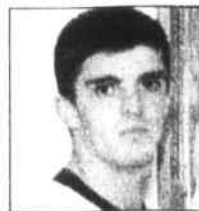
Wilmington 2005 Football Season Results (8-2)

Sept 10	Wilmington 30, Ham-Wenham 20
Sept 16	Wilmington 42, Amesbury 0
Sept 23	Wilmington 40, Lawrence 6
Sept 30	Wilmington 35, Newburyport 6
Oct 7	Wilmington 35, North Reading 0
Oct 15	Wilmington 38, Lynnfield 6
Oct 21	Pentucket 21, Wilmington 20
Oct 28	Wilmington 21, Triton 6
Nov 4	Wilmington 20, Masconomet 15
Nov 11	North Andover 28, Wilmington 14

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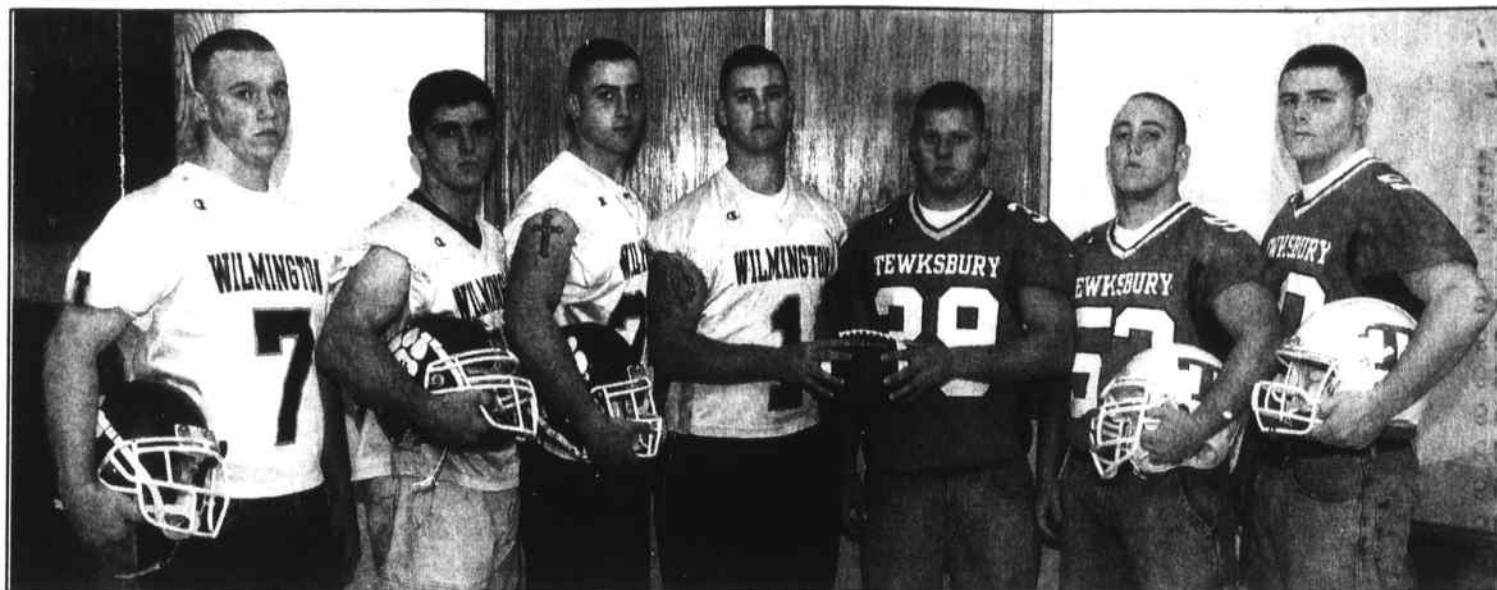
Tewksbury Redmen Starting Lineups

Offense

Position	Name	Class	Ht	Wt
QB	Nick Ianetta	Jr	5-11	170
HB	Pat Brewin	Sr	5-9	170
HB	Adam Power	Jr	5-10	165
FB	David Tiberio	Sr	5-8	185
TE	Pat Appiani	Sr	6-0	200
WR	Pat Morrissey	Sr	5-8	150
RT	Pat Riley	Sr	6-3	240
RG	Rob Rotondi	Sr	5-6	190
C	Chad Chartienitz	Sr	5-9	180
LG	Tom Byrne	Sr	5-11	205
LT	John Latta	Sr	6-0	240

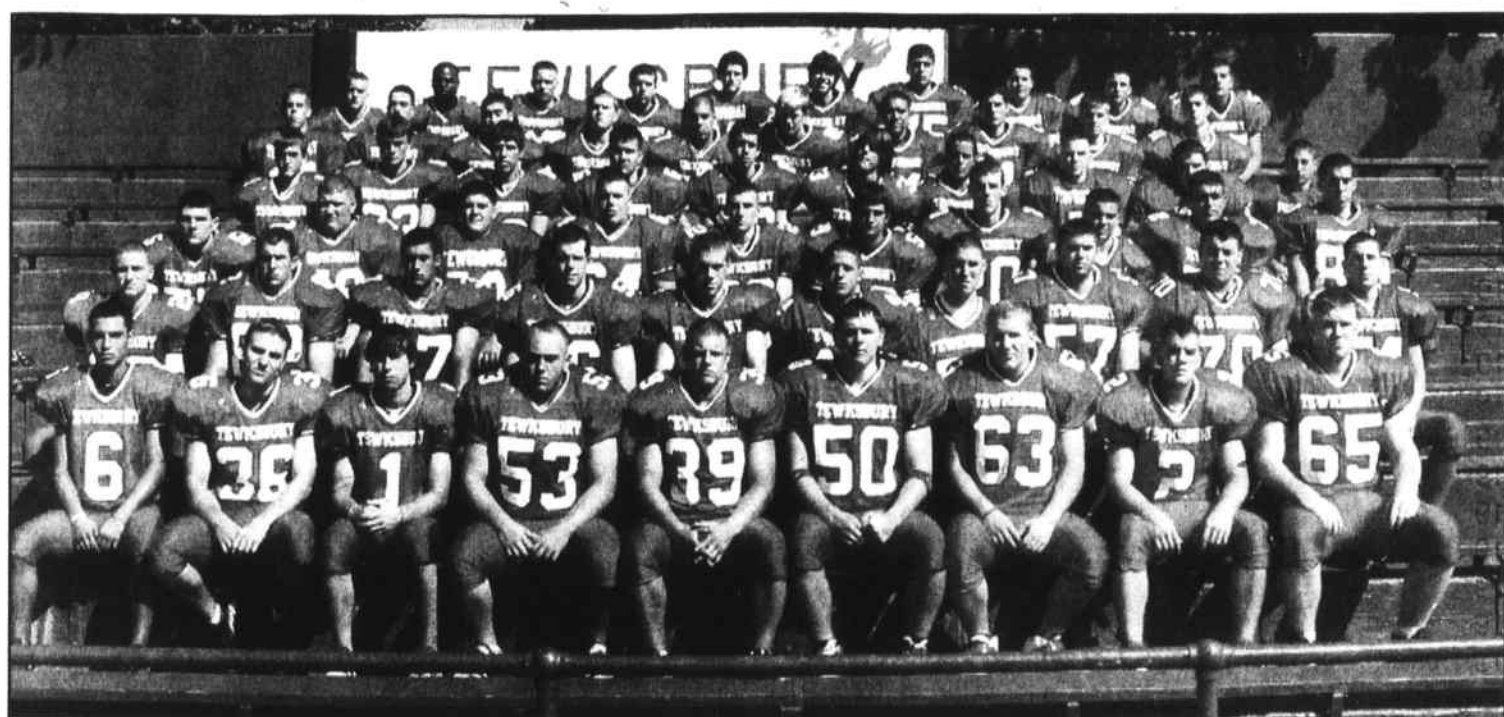
Defense

Position	Name	Class	Ht	Wt
NG	David Tiberio	Sr	5-8	185
LDT	Pat Riley	Sr	6-3	240
RD	Chad Chartienitz	Sr	5-9	180
LDE	Derek Lowe	So	5-11	170
RDE	Pat Sugrue	Jr	6-3	190
LB	Tom Byrne	Sr	5-11	205
LB	Conor Flanagan	So	5-9	175
LCB	Kevin McCarthy	Sr	5-10	155
RCB	Pat Brewin	Sr	5-9	170
SS	Adam Power	Jr	5-10	165
FS	Dan Kasprzak	Sr	5-9	155



The 71st annual Thanksgiving Game will feature the captains of each team: On the left from Wilmington are Joe Herra, Matt marden, Zack mayo and Stephen Downs, followed by the Tewksbury captains, David Tiberio, Rob Rotondi and Tommy Byrne.

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The 2005 Tewksbury High School Football team is 5-5 on the season with one game left on Thursday against Wilmington.

(courtesy photo, Brian Dick)

Wilmington Wildcats Starting Line-Ups

Offense

Position	Name	Class	Ht	Wt
LT	Nick Hogan	Sr	5-11	215
LG	Matt Marden	Sr	5-8	185
C	Nick Manent	Sr	5-10	185
RG	Mike Haepers	Sr	6-0	200
RT	Mike Fields	Sr	6-0	285
TE	Kyle Borseti	Jr	5-10	190
FB	Stephen Downs	Sr	5-10	215
RB	Zack Mayo	Sr	5-11	180
WR	Sean Murphy	Sr	6-2	220
WR	Greg Stewart	Jr	6-0	190
QB	Joe Herra	Sr	5-9	180

Defense

Position	Name	Class	Ht	Wt
DE	Kyle Borseti	Jr	5-10	190
DT	Nick Hogan	Sr	5-11	215
NG	Matt Marden	Sr	5-8	185
DT	Mike Haepers	Sr	6-0	200
DE	Sean Murphy	Sr	6-2	220
LB	Mike Laffarello	Jr	5-10	180
LB	Stephen Downs	Sr	5-10	215
FS	Joe Herra	Sr	5-9	180
SS	Ryan Olivieri	Sr	5-6	145
CB	Shawn Fahey	Jr	5-9	155
CB	Greg Stewart	Jr	6-0	190



The 19 Tewksbury High seniors will be playing in their final game on Thursday, when the Redmen host Wilmington in the 71st annual Thanksgiving Game. Pictured here not in order are: Jason Bucci, Ryan Lemelin, Patrick Donohue, Dan Kasprzak, Patrick Morrissey, Kevin McCarthy, Patrick Brewin, Jason Montes, David Tiberio, Tom Byrne, Rob Rotondi, Chad Chartienitz, Derek Welch, Teagan McCarthy, Steve Bryan, Patrick Riley, John Latta, Joe Griffin and Patrick Appiani.

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Wilmington High Football Season Stats

Opponents	Score by Quarters					
	13	40	37	18	-	
Wilmington	89	116	54	26	-	295

	Team Stats		W
	Opp		
First Downs	87		142
Rushes-Yds	253-1,059		325-2,236
Passing-Att-Int	48-120-15		58-109-4
Passing Yards	479		956
Total Yards	1,538		3,282
Fumbles-lost	13-7		15-8
Penalties-Yards	18-124		40-355

Individual Stats

Passing: Joe Herra 58-for-109, 956 yards, 10 TDs, 4 INTs.

Rushing: Zack Mayo 123-875, 14 TDs, Rich Barry 46-518, 7 TDs, Joe Herra 53-302, 6 TDs, Stephen Downs 33-157, Sean Fahey 6-105, TD, Kyle Moon 12-66, Kyle Lunt 16-60, Mike Laffarello 8-50, Ernie Mello 14-48, 1 TD, Matt Marden 7-41, Phil Minghella 7-13, Dan Holland 2-6; Matt Brooks 1-3, Antar George 2-8, Taylor Kyle 3 - (-6).

Receiving: Sean Murphy 24-425, 4 TDs, Greg Stewart 11-225, 4 TDs, Zack Mayo 10-126, TD; Rich Barry 6-75, 1 TD; Stephen Downs 4-48; Kyle Borseti 2-38; Ryan Oliveiri 1-5.

Player	Team Scoring					Total
	TD	1Pt	2 PT	FG		
Zack Mayo	16	0	0	0		96
Greg Stewart	4	29	0	1		56
Rich Barry	8	0	0	0		48
Joe Herra	7	0	3	0		48
Sean Murphy	4	0	0	0		24
Ernie Mello	1	0	0	0		6
Stephen Downs	1	0	0	0		6
Sean Fahey	1	0	0	0		6

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1938	Ken Fitzgerald
1939	Joe McNulty
1940	Bob Hunter
1941	Walter Doucette
1942	Al Bonugli
1943	John Ready and Don Berube
1944	Jim Chandler and Alex Davis
1945	Bernard Carroll
1946	Richard Dewing
1947	Warren Bishop and John Kane
1948	Richard Patten
1949	Richard Fortier
1950	John Wojkiewicz
1951	Joel Trull
1952	Mike Bancroft
1953	Walter Golen
1954	Thomas Aspell
1955	Robert Dixon
1956	Gerry Trull and Robert Allen
1957	James Johnson and Robert Weddleton
1958	Robert Hickey
1959	Richard Weddleton and Hugh Mahoney
1960	Clem Connors and William Burke
1961	Gil Caster
1962	Matt McGillick
1963	Connie Barry
1964	Francis McCusker and Gerry Rideout
1965	Alex Stotik and Harry Hansen
1966	John Hazel and Steve Ballou
1967	William Bulloch and Mike Campbell
1968	Barry Sheehan
1969	Mark Manley and Bob Bissett
1970	Charles Roux and Joe Hanley
1971	Harvey Qua
1972	Charlie D'Avanzo and Tim Breen
1973	Tom Morin and Dave Smith
1974	Mike King and Steve Flagg
1975	Tom Sullivan, Rick Mackey and Mark Stephens
1976	Rick Billings and Joseph Gorfinkle
1977	Jay Petros, Mark Petros, Bill Ashe and Rick MacGillisk
1978	Paul Weitz, Tim Brothers, and Dave Puzzo
1979	Mark Riddle and Mike Smith
1980	Scott Tremlett, Dennis Vecchi, Bob Byrd and Tom Horgan
1981	Frank Fay, Todd DiRocco, Richard Bradenick and Buddy Pelczar
1982	Mike Buscanera, Jeff Vecchi, and Chuck Healey
1983	Steve Gale, Tom Ogden and Tom Mawn
1984	Mike Irvine and Barry Dick
1985	Bud MacAllister, Shawn Blades, Rob Aylward and Bob Dunlay
1986	Dave French, Tim Boudreau, Brian Aylward and Brian Donoghue
1987	Brian French, Dave McSweeney and Jay Rideout
1988	Chris Horgan, Tom Aylward, Dave Carciofi and Keith DeSisto
1989	Abe Mills, Bob Marshall, Sean Wilson, and Glen Harris
1990	Sean Mackey, Tim Lightfoot, Sean Conley and Brian Brooks
1991	Dana Boudreau and Dan Sprague
1992	Mike Roux, Dan Babine, and Ryan McNeal
1993	Chris Snow, Brian Donoghue, and Mel Santos
1994	George Rodgers, Brian O'Keefe, Scott Haddad and Greg Nota
1995	Mike Torode, Ben Christopher, Ryan Minor and Joe Mercer
1996	Jon Bombach, Tim Lavoie, and Matt Petros
1997	Justin Hamilton, Dave Shunamon, Ralph Perrotti and Paul Davoren
1998	Mike Deshler, Tyler Welch, and Mark Morris
1999	Jay Stamp, Erik Hamilton, Bryan Deshler and Brian Sinkus.
2000	Jack Byrne, Erik Nickerson, Adam Stotik, Ryan Carlson and Jay Wagstaff
2001	James McCarthy, Bill Meuse and Christos Koustenis
2002	Steve Kasprzak, Mike Rocco and Ryan Byrne
2003	Bill Fabiano, Alex Marcin, Joe Davidian and Tony Corsino
2004	Chris Byrne, Dan Westaway, Buddy Bradley and Doug Heald

A history of the 71-year rivalry

Year	Score	Year	Score	Year	Score
1935	Redmen 6, Wildcats 6	1980	Wildcats 12, Redmen 0	1985	Redmen 7, Wildcats 6
1936	Redmen 12, Wildcats 4	1981	Wildcats 18, Redmen 0	1986	Redmen 27, Wildcats 8
1937	Redmen 44, Wildcats 0	1982	Wildcats 22, Redmen 0	1987	Redmen 6, Wildcats 0
1938	Redmen 12, Wildcats 0	1983	Redmen 22, Wildcats 0	1988	Redmen 27, Wildcats 0
1939	Wildcats 7, Redmen 0	1984	Redmen 8, Wildcats 6	1989	Redmen 32, Wildcats 11
1940	Wildcats 18, Redmen 13	1985	Redmen 12, Wildcats 0	1990	Redmen 45, Wildcats 28
1941	Redmen 6, Wildcats 8	1986	Wildcats 22, Redmen 0	1991	Wildcats 32, Redmen 28
1942	Redmen 7, Wildcats 7	1987	Wildcats 22, Redmen 0	1992	Redmen 12, Wildcats 7
1943	Redmen 18, Wildcats 7	1988	Wildcats 24, Redmen 14	1993	Redmen 23, Wildcats 14
1944	Redmen 28, Wildcats 18	1989	Redmen 14, Wildcats 8	1994	Redmen 22, Wildcats 14
1945	Redmen 21, Wildcats 7	1990	Wildcats 13, Redmen 3	1995	Redmen 36, Wildcats 7
1946	Redmen 25, Wildcats 8	1991	Redmen 0, Wildcats 0	1996	Redmen 17, Wildcats 14
1947	Redmen 14, Wildcats 7	1992	Wildcats 13, Redmen 8	1997	Redmen 35, Wildcats 14
1948	Wildcats 54, Redmen 0	1993	Wildcats 24, Redmen 0	1998	Wildcats 14, Redmen 7
1949	Redmen 31, Wildcats 7	1994	Redmen 14, Wildcats 8	1999	Redmen 21, Wildcats 14
1950	Redmen 20, Wildcats 7	1995	Redmen 14, Wildcats 14	2000	Wildcats 21, Redmen 8
1951	Redmen 31, Wildcats 7	1996	Wildcats 32, Redmen 0	2001	Redmen 28, Wildcats 0
1952	Redmen 12, Wildcats 0	1997	Redmen 27, Wildcats 8	2002	Wildcats 41, Redmen 22
1953	Redmen 0, Wildcats 0	1998	Wildcats 14, Redmen 13	2003	Wildcats 19, Redmen 9
1954	Wildcats 7, Redmen 13	1999	Wildcats 27, Redmen 3		
1955	Redmen 29, Wildcats 12	2000	Redmen 21, Wildcats 0		
1956	Wildcats 21, Redmen 14	2001	Redmen 7, Wildcats 0		
1957	Redmen 38, Wildcats 14	2002	Wildcats 25, Redmen 21		
1958	Redmen 12, Wildcats 12	2003	Wildcats 9, Redmen 7		
1959		2004			

*Not all games were played on Thanksgiving Day.

All-Time Wilmington High Football Captains

Year	Player(s)
1935	Joe Donovan
1936	Danny Carter
1938	Tommy Leonard
1939	Bob Foye
1940	Art Drew
1941	Dick Carpenter
1943	Leo O'Connell
1944	Game Captains
1945	Gus Blaisdell
1946	Burt Holmes
1947	Russell Garland
1948	Bill Chisholm and Paul Carpenter
1949	Leo Woods
1950	Gerry O'Reilly and Don O'Connell
1951	Jay Tighe and Jere Melzar
1952	Gene Hovey and Bob Palmer
1953	Bob Smith
1954	Frank DePiano
1955	Jay Palmer and Bob Branscombe
1956	Bill Rosa and Sam Cavallaro
1957	John Amaro and Bill Johnston
1958	Joe Casey, Bill Rooney and George Munroe
1959	Eddie Palino
1960	Eddie Casey
1961	Eddie Woods
1962	Jackie Bowen
1963	Jon Fairfield
1964	Jim Newhouse and Dick Page
1965	Peter Keane and Dick Page
1966	Rick Ely and Dick Doucette
1967	Jack Gillis, Dan O'Connell and Hank Devlin
1968	Eddie Gillis
1969	Kenny Cleary and Bruce MacInnis
1970	Dick Gillis and Mike Esposito
1971	Mike Rounds and Steve Holloway
1972	Paul Olsen, Alan Jensen and Leo Campbell
1973	Dean Devlin, Jack Holloway and Don Stewart
1974	Jack Stygles, Carl Butler and Bob Bavota
1975	Bob Aprile, Chris Rounds and Mike Mazzola
1976	John Campbell, Gordie Fitch and Dino Esposito
1977	Steven Woods and David Rounds
1978	Tom Carroll, Phil Russo, Sal Carbone and John Maga
1979	David Woods, Chris Briggs and John Robarge
1980	Donnie Foley, Matt Phillips and Joe Burbine
1981	Rob Santos, Craig Richards and Ken Runge
1982	Eddie Olshaw and Jon Nolan
1983	Dean Athanasia, Paul Caizzi and Gerry Sullivan
1984	Dave Richards, Ken DeYoung and Dante DeMarco
1985	Ed Shelley, Tony Cutone, Dave MacDonald and Peter Campbell
1986	Tom Pote and Al Ausiello
1987	Patrick Nally, Dan Woods and C.J. Barber
1988	John Rago, Derek LeBlanc and Tony DeLucia
1989	Greg Catanzano, Frank Cenca and Steve Killilea
1990	Dennis Walsh, Brian Murray, Bob Voner and Bill Kerrigan
1991	Mike King, Bob Fleming and Bryant Falzone
1992	John O'Reilly and John Burke
1993	Dave Fleming and Eric Robbins
1994	Steve O'Neil and Jack Warford
1995	Tom Burke and Pat Finn
1996	Billy Harrison, Matt Haskamp and Sean Kerrigan
1997	Tim Gillis and Jamie Campbell
1998	Mike Gennetti, Kevin Finnerty and Dave DeAmato
1999	Russ Hubby, Eric Banda and Matt Minghella
2000	Mark Jepson, Jim Fennelly and Josh Hiltz
2001	George Godding, Chris McHale and Mike Herra
2002	Derek Downs, Mike Harrison and Derek Hanley
2003	Bobby Harrington, Charlie Lojek and Sean Godding
2004	Robbie Gillis, Brennan Jones, Brian Giamberardino and Mike Thibault
2005	Joe Herra, Stephen Downs, Zack Mayo and Matt Marden

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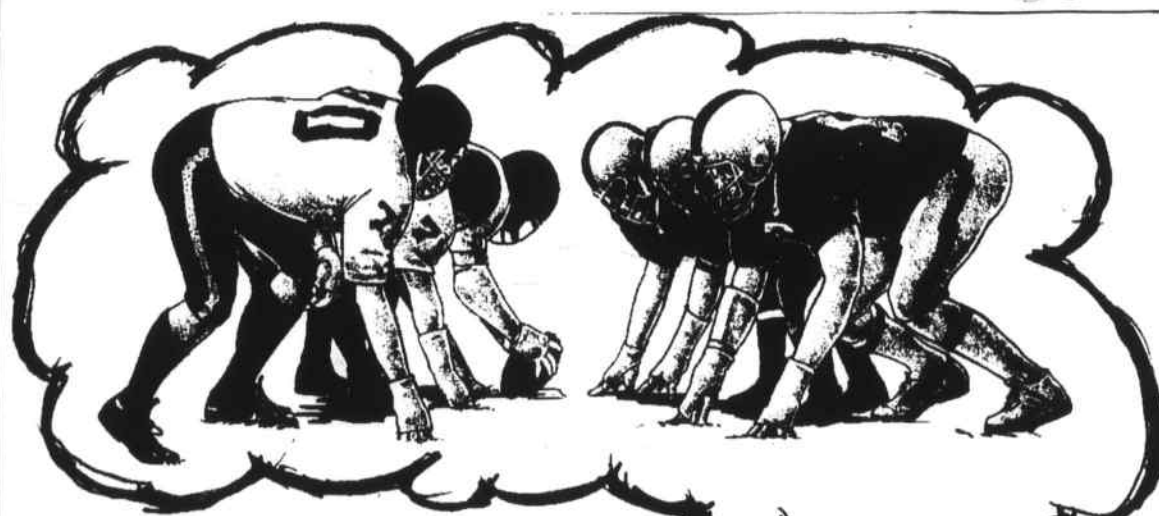
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Matt Marden guards the band

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

It's safe to say that over the past two years during home Wildcat football games, you have certainly seen something you'll probably never see again at a high school football game.

How often do you see a lineman go out and hit everything in sight, then take his helmet off at the halftime break, climb a ladder and then conduct the band during the halftime ceremony? Wilmington High senior captain Matt Marden is that player in the No. 65 blue jersey who waves his hands while all hot and sweaty after playing 20 minutes and battling the trenches trying to open up holes for his talented offensive teammates.

And on Thursday morning, Marden admitted that he's going to have a lot of emotions running through his body. He will first be participating in his last high school football game. He'll secondly be doing it while trying to recover from an ankle injury he suffered several weeks ago. Then he'll be performing as conductor of the band for the last time.

While also being an Eagle Scout, being ranked within the top 30 in his class, Marden seems to have tackled so many responsibilities on top of his football playing days and being part of the school's incredible band.

"Matt's such a well-rounded kid," said coach Bob Almeida. "He does his best in everything he does and he's certainly unique. He's an all-league player, who can play a lot of positions. And as a person, it's very refreshing to deal with such a well rounded kid, who is a good student, who is a captain of the football team, and who also does baseball and track. He's in the band and also is an eagle scout. He's very good in all

aspects of life and is a very responsible person."

Trying to juggle all of those responsibilities can be difficult, especially when his teammates are in the locker room at half-time and he's out on the playing field entertaining the crowd.

"No I'm not surprised (that I can handle it all)," he said. "I love being in the band. I would not have given up one for the other. Wilmington has always had real big marching bands, and football is a big part of the band. I love the band and I love being a part of the football team. My sophomore year I became a drum major and I just found it to be so much fun. I don't let football get in the way. Coach (Bob) Almeida has been very supportive the entire time. I don't find it to be tough. I think it's a lot of fun."

Offensively Marden plays left guard, and defensively he's at nose guard. Almeida certainly knows that Marden is the first player he's coached who can do both play football and lead the band, but he's also the first player to have what the veteran coach calls "the most funky stance I've ever seen," which helped Marden receive a very comical nickname.

"We were watching film one day and I got the nickname 'The Frogman'," he said. "(When I'm down in my stance) I put a lot of weight on my hands and I shoot forward. It really works well for me. I'm comfortable with it. Ever since Pop Warner I have played nose guard and I have experimented with the stance since freshman year. You always look to stay low, and I just lock my legs back and this way I get to straightened out my legs, get a lot of leg power and it just drives me forward. I find that I get a lot of speed and power with it."



Senior captain Matt Marden has spent this season as a two-way guard as well as a fullback for the 8-2 Wildcat football team.

(file photo)

Marden stands at 5-8, 185 and certainly is not the biggest two way guard seen on the high school football fields. Perhaps that's why he has to go to his frogman stance to help him anyway he can. Last year Marden was a Cape Ann League All-Conference selection and Almeida said that was by no accident.

"Matt probably doesn't fit into too many college football programs," said Almeida. "He's not that tall but I tell you that he's a very good high school player and a terrific guard. He just explodes out of that stance. It's ugly looking and believe me he didn't get it from any of us. But Matt runs really well especially for an offensive guard and nose guard. He has very good foot speed. He's real tough and he's been playing hurt the last few games."

Marden said that he hurt his right ankle in the Masconomet game and has been trying to get back to 100 percent.

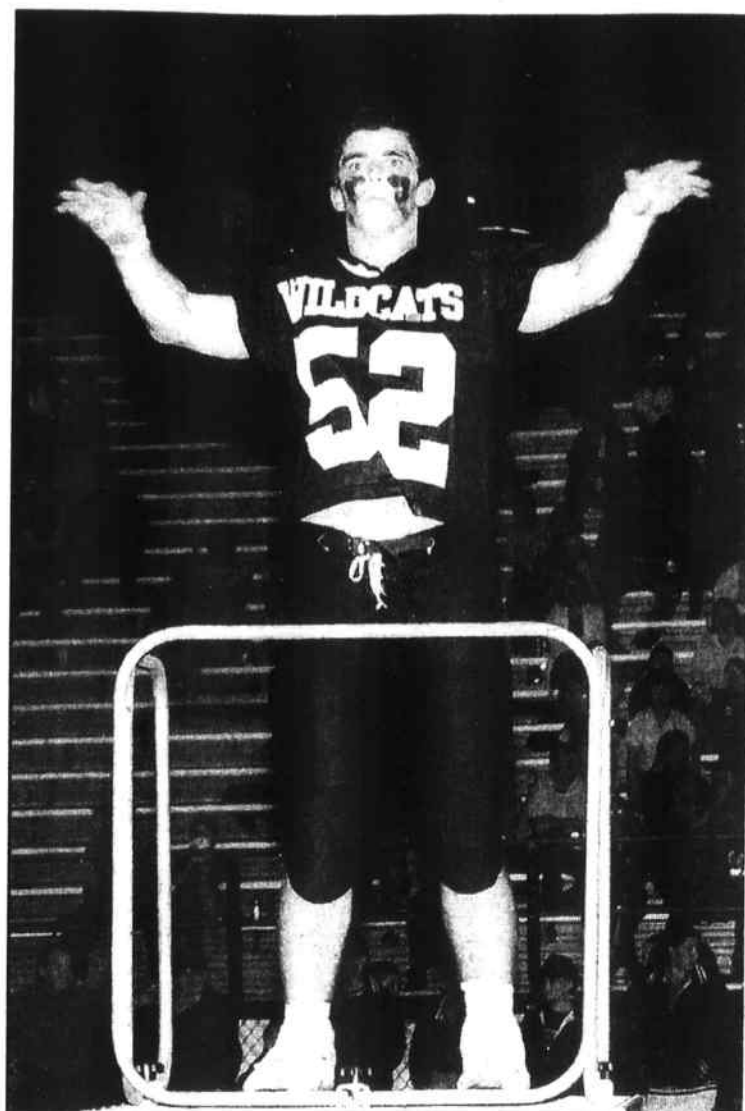
"It's been getting better," he said. "I've been working on it and icing it a lot. It got worse in

the North Andover game but I really think I'll be 100 percent for Tewksbury. I sprained it on three occasions. Normally I tape up my ankles but earlier in the year I took a cleat to my right Achilles' heel so I couldn't tape that ankle up. So now I have sprained that ankle and I'm just hoping it won't hold me back."

Marden - who is looking to go to either Embry-Riddle College in Daytona Beach or Daniel Webster College in New Hampshire to be a flight operations pilot - has helped open holes up for the offense which has scored almost 300 points and totaled over 3,000 yards just this season alone. Wilmington hopes that success will continue on Thursday with the road trip to Doucette Field against a very tough Tewksbury team.

"It's going to be my last memory of high school football with my teammates so I want it to be the best memory," he said.

"We're all pumped up. No one is sagging because of the North Andover game. I don't know



While being a captain of the football team, Matt Marden also has the chore of conducting the band during the halftime shows. (courtesy photo)

much about Tewksbury except that they have a good fullback. I know they are a decent team and I'm not thinking that we're going to go in there and blow them out but I'm not thinking that we're going to lose either. We already forgot about the North Andover game. We're going to come out flying because this is the last game of our senior year and this game means a lot."

And while Marden hopes the memories of his last football game will be ones he'll always

want to remember, he knows that the memories he has as being the conductor of the band are ones he'll never, ever forget.

"It's a lot of fun getting people's reactions to it," he said. "It's going to the last time I play football and the last time I play in the band so yeah I guess it's going to be emotional for me. I think it's pretty cool that I'm in my football pads conducting the band. I know I'm going to miss it."

Herra's last hurrah ends on Thursday

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Back in 2002, Joe Herra was a freshman and was experiencing his first Thanksgiving Game. Strong potential surrounded the youngster, who put up impressive numbers in his rookie season, including tossing six touchdowns and rushing in seven more.

But on the grass of Alumni Field, Herra got a taste of what the Thanksgiving Game, what the rivalry is all about and what playing high school football is all about. Late in the fourth quarter playing his free safety position, Herra came up to make a play on Tewksbury running back Steve Kasprzak. The back ran over Herra as if he was a bulldozer knocking down a four foot shed in the backyard. Herra got trampled.

"Oh I got killed," said Herra. That hit left Herra in a complete daze for a while but obviously he snapped out of it. That

game was his 11th of his varsity career. Although any other player would have probably missed many games due to that hit, or several other tough ones he's suffered during his career, Herra hasn't missed a beat. On Thursday morning he'll be making his 45th straight start. It'll also be the last time anyone will see No. 7 in a Wildcat uniform sending laser beam passes across the middle of the field.

"It's really hard to believe that this is his last game," said Wildcat coach Bob Almeida. "He has started every game in his four years and has played a lot. He's so tough. Half the time he's played, he's been hurt. He's had so many injuries and he's hardly missed a snap."

"I remember that hit Kasprzak gave him and he dinged Joey up pretty good but Joey went right back in there. The hit he took last year against Lawrence was tough.

No one knows that he's been playing with a separated shoulder for the past few games. It's hard to imagine a tougher kid than Joe Herra."

Since his first start as a freshman, Herra has easily become one of the greatest players to ever suit up in a Wildcat uniform. Certainly names of Mike Esposito and Jack Bowen will forever go down as the 1-2 punch in the history of the program, but Herra is certainly right on their heels of being among the all-time greats at WHS.

As of today, Herra ranks 16th all-time in the state of Massachusetts with 44 career touchdown passes. Going into Thanksgiving, he has completed 206-of-425 passes for 3,568 yards including the 44 TD strikes and just 19 interceptions. Additionally, he has rushed for 1,490 yards (which includes all of the times he's been sacked) and scored 29

rushing touchdowns. In four years and 45 games he's been a part of 73 touchdowns.

"Joey really has had an incredible and excitable career," said Almeida. "His heart was broken when we lost to North Andover. He just wanted to get back to the playoffs so bad. The kid plays his heart out. He competes every down to the max. He's been unbelievable for us."

While he has the stats to back up his career, he also has another intangible - he knows how to win. He has a career record of 35-9, including a 7-4 mark as a freshman, a 9-2 record as a sophomore, an 11-1 mark last year and this year's 8-2 record.

He's also been named the Cape Ann League Most Valuable Player as a junior, as well as a Boston Globe and

Boston Herald All-Scholastic.

"I think the other kids on the team depend on him a little too much," said Almeida. "They depend on him too much to make plays. The guys expect him to make plays because he always comes through. He's going to be difficult to replace."

After suffering that hit and taking a loss to Tewksbury as a freshman, Herra had helped lead the 'Cats to two straight wins over Tewksbury including putting up 44 points two years ago and then last year's 19-8 win at home.

While Herra owns the school record of TD passes in a season, and was part of a school record 11-win season last year, it's been almost 40 years since the 'Cats have defeated Tewksbury three years in a row. Back during the 1966 to 1968 run, it was Dick and Ed Gillis leading the way - since then Dick's son Timmy was the Wildcat quarterback, only to see two other people follow him before Herra came on board following his brother Mike.

"This game means a lot to me," said Herra. "I don't want to go out losing the last two games I played in. Plus I'm really going to miss the fellas. I'm really going to miss playing with them."

Herra said that he's talked with both the Norwich University and Curry College coaches with hopes of continuing his football playing days in college. But until then he has one mission, to help the



Wilmington High senior quarterback Joe Herra has started 44 games for the 'Cats and ranks 16th all-time in the state with 44 career touchdown passes.

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Tewksbury Senior captain returns to the line

Rotondi's road back to recovery impressive

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

Thanksgiving Day has special meaning to every high school football player, particularly the seniors. Ask any senior as the big day is approaching and he will tell you of the sense of anticipation he is feeling.

But for some it is even more meaningful than it is for your average senior. Tewksbury High's senior offensive tackle and captain Rob Rotondi is a perfect example of this. As a junior last season, Rotondi was getting his first taste of Thanksgiving Day football against arch rival Wilmington, when on the second offensive

series of the game he suffered a devastating knee injury.

Fellow offensive lineman Chris Byrne had picked up a loose ball and started to head up field with Rotondi right by his side. But a potentially memorable play quickly turned into one that Rotondi would rather forget when Byrne was tackled into one side of his leg at the same time that somebody hit his leg from the other side.

The end result for Rotondi was a partially torn MCL and a completely torn PCL, which not only obviously ended his Thanksgiving experience, but threatened to end his football career for good.

But shunning surgery that likely would have sidelined him for up to a year, causing him to miss both this football season as well the lacrosse season where he is also a captain, Rotondi instead chose to rehabilitate his knee and after several months of rehabbing three days a week, he was ready for the start of his senior season.

And after having a very impressive year to this point, he can hardly wait to step on the field on Thanksgiving morning, once again challenging Wilmington, but this time he hopes to be battling for the first whistle to the last.

"I am really anxious to play.

The atmosphere on Thanksgiving is just unbelievable and it will be extra special this year after what happened last year," Rotondi said.

Tewksbury coach Brian Aylward has been impressed by the Rotondi's effort to get back on the field and he is looking forward to seeing him play one more time for the Redmen.

"He really had to overcome a lot in the off season," Aylward said. "He persevered through that and came to camp ready. He struggled a little early on, but he became a smarter player and has played his most effective football later in the season."

And when you're watching Rotondi on Thursday morning, not giving an inch to the opposition, regardless of his rather average size, consider the fact that he is essentially playing on damaged ligaments that will have to have surgery at some point. The only question that remains is when.

"It still hurts, but I don't think about it during the game. After the game it hurts, but then again, everybody is hurting after a game," Rotondi said. "If I decide to play college football I will probably have surgery shortly after this season and have to miss the lacrosse season."

If he is forced to miss the

lacrosse season, the Redmen will not only be missing out on a talented player, but a very effective captain as Aylward has learned this season on the gridiron.

"He has gotten a tremendous amount of respect from both the older kids and the younger kids," Aylward said. "He treats the younger kids great. He does not dismiss them. He will bark if there is a problem, but he is also the first guy to offer help. He kind of takes a big brother role."

For Rotondi's part, he enjoys his role as captain, and enjoys working with his teammates at all class levels.

"Our closeness has been a big part of our success this season," Rotondi said. "The seniors have seniority, but everyone is equal. In past years, juniors and sophomores were treated differently but we have a great group of seniors who have changed that this year."

Along with working with all of his teammates as a captain, Rotondi has also had a great season working with his fellow offensive linemen, Tom Byrne, Pat Riley, John Latta and Chad Chartienitz. The group of five seniors has come together to provide the Redmen with a strong game this season.

"In the beginning of the year

I was the only returning starter, so I did not know what to expect," Rotondi said. "We did not have a real good pre-season, but it all came together against Tyngsboro in the (home) opener. Those guys have just done a great job, and with the line it is so important to work together and we have done that."

As Rotondi mentioned he is hoping to play collage football next season, and thus far he has looked at Nichols College and WNEC, but he will check out others before making a final decision. Wherever he goes and whatever coach he ends up playing for, he knows he will miss playing for coach Aylward.

"Coach Aylward is one of the best guys I know. He puts so much time and effort into this team," Rotondi said. "He is a Tewksbury guy so you know he is always there for you. The expression is 'Tewksbury Tough' and that's just what he is."

But college is next year, and there is still unfinished business for this season. And if Rotondi has things his way, this Thanksgiving will be much different than last year. This time it will be a memory he wants to take with him for a lifetime.

Senior back has 16 TDs and 875 yards

Mayo running for several milestones

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

He has the chance of accomplish something that hasn't been done in the past decade. But for Wilmington High senior Zack Mayo, the personal accomplishments and stats are on the backburner. Winning the finale game of his career against the team's biggest rival, is priority number one.

"I think we've had a real good season even though we didn't win the Cape Ann League championship and we're not going to the playoffs," said Mayo. "Not being able to do that I still think we've had a good season. Right now all we care about is beating Tewksbury. We are coming off a loss and we're all hyped up. I think we can beat them and I think we're going to beat them pretty good."

In order to do that, Mayo and the rest of the Wildcats will need the team's offense in top gear, because Tewksbury's defense is pretty good. Mayo though has scored 16 touchdowns this season, 14 coming on the ground, one on a reception and the other on a kick-off return. Three years ago as a senior, Derek Hanley scored 17 touchdowns in one season, the most by any player under head coach Bob Almeida's 10-year tenure.

Mayo also has 875 rushing yards on the season and would like nothing better than a team victory, two touchdowns and at least 125 rushing yards.

"That's some elite company he'd be in if he can do that," said Almeida. "I know off the top of my head that Hanley and Billy Harrison both did it while I've been here, and there's been a bunch of guys like Bobby French and Eric Banda who I think came real

close, but I'm not too sure. I'd love for Zack to get the touchdowns and the 1,000 yards. He certainly deserves it."

Mayo's 875 rushing yards amounts to 39 percent of the team's 2,236 rushing yards, while he also scored a team high 96 points on the season which constitutes 33 percent of the team's 295 total points in the ten games.

"I'm really surprised (that I've done this well)," he said. "I didn't think I would have a better season than last year mostly because we also have Rich Barry and he's one of the best backs in the entire league. The offensive line has done such a great job in run blocking and they just open all of the holes."

Last year Mayo helped the 'Cats capture the league title, win a school record 11 games, and qualify for the playoffs for the first time since 1976 when he rushed for 554 yards and scored eight touchdowns.

This year he's elevated his play with the 875 yards and the 16 touchdowns, including the season opening game when he rushed for 172 yards and scored three times against Hamilton-Wenham. He also scored twice, ran for 75 yards and had a 79 yard kickoff return in the huge win over Masconomet several weeks ago.

"Zack is really a classy looking running back," said Almeida. "He has good natural instincts. He doesn't fumble often and he just has real good natural instincts. He sees the holes really well and he has very subtle cuts which really go unnoticed. He's always going North to South and that just comes naturally to him. He's very deceptive with his speed, his moves and he has a great nose for the goal line. He

always sees it and gets there."

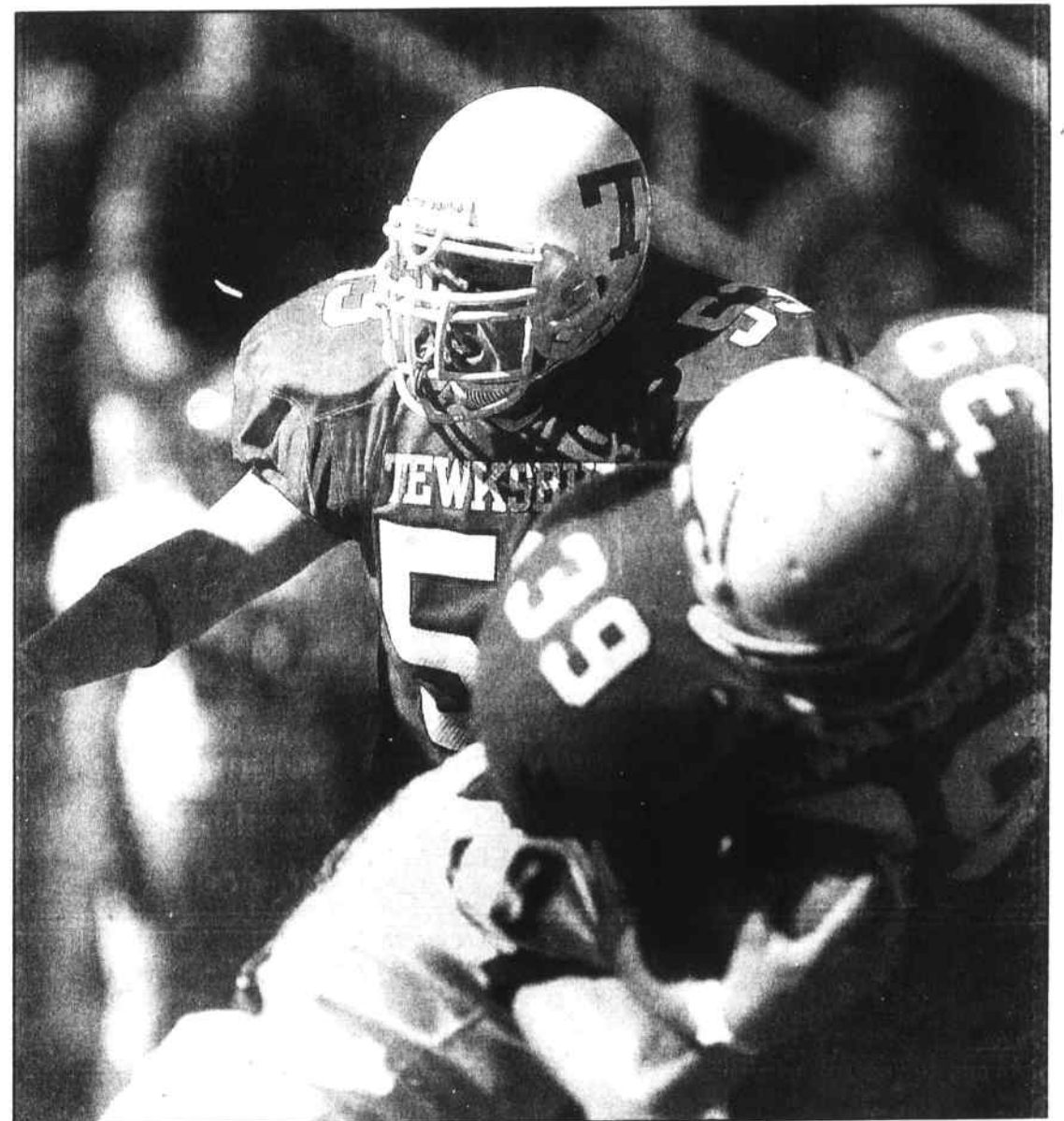
One aspect of Mayo's game that really has improved is being a receiver out of the backfield. Wilmington has gone to its backs more often whether it be screen passes, slants over the middle, or the occasional shuffle pass all to get the ball down field. Mayo has added 126 receiving yards on just 10 catches with one score.

"They say that I have pretty good hands so all I have to do is put my hands out there and catch it because I know Joey (Herra) will put it right to me," said Mayo. "We've put in a few new pass plays this year and Joe throws such a beautiful spiral to me everytime, so I know if I'm in the right spot, we make a great 1-2 punch."

Added Almeida, "He has outstanding hands coming out of the backfield. He catches the ball really well but more importantly he runs the ball very well after he catches it and really gets a lot of yards. He's terrific on the screen passes and on the slants. I think Zack's the most underrated kid in our program and in the league. It would be a sin if he's not voted as an all-conference player."

Last year Mayo helped Wilmington with 109 rushing yards and a touchdown in the 19-8 victory over Tewksbury. He's hoping for one last victory.

"I want to win this game more than any other game I've played in," he said. "It's my last game and we'd like nothing better than to beat them. We just have to get everything going, run the ball, throw the ball and come through on special teams and defense. Everything has to click for us (in order to beat Tewksbury)."



Tewksbury High senior captain Rob Rotondi (#53) has done a nice job as offensive lineman for the Redmen this season. He is coming off a major knee injury and would like nothing better than to finish his high school career with a victory on Thursday against Wilmington.

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Wilmington High senior running back Zack Mayo has scored 16 touchdowns and rushed for 875 yards this season, and hopes to get to 1,000 yards in a season on Thursday.

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Seniors John Latta, Pat Riley and Chad Chartienitz

Redmen line ready for challenge

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

You won't see their name in any box score, and chances are you probably won't even notice them much if you are actually watching the game live.

Well, that's not entirely true. Chances are you will notice them if they make a mistake. If they are doing their jobs, you won't even know they are there.

They are offensive linemen. And it is a measure of the success of the men up front on the Tewksbury High football team that they have foiled in relative anonymity this season. With the emphasis on a strong running game the Redmen knew they would need strong efforts from the men in the trenches this season and they have gotten just that from their senior laden line of Pat Riley, Rob Rotondi, Chad Chartienitz, Tom Byrne and John Latta.

In the days leading up to this year's Thanksgiving Day clash with Wilmington High, the Town Crier had the opportunity to get to know a few of the linemen a little better and get their per-

done."

In many ways the success begins with Chartienitz. Most obviously, as the center the play begins with him having a successful exchange with quarterback Nick Ianetta. Also, he had gotten a little experience last season and given the coaching staff some hope for this year.

"Chad had been a big part of our defense last year and near the end of the year we had him take some snaps at center," Aylward said. "He was excellent and he was in our mindset going into this season, and he has played great there for us."

And not only has Chartienitz consistently gotten the job done for the Redmen this season, but he has done so with an attitude that has impressed Aylward, both at the center position as well as his defensive tackle position.

"He may be as tough a kid as we have in this program," Aylward said. "He's relentless. He's got an intensity about him that is hard for other kids to match."

Chartienitz himself acknowl-

both of those guys," Aylward said. "And they have exceeded all expectations."

And both have worked very hard for their success. While Riley had played some last year and showed flashes of exceptional play, it was hard to tell what to expect from him. But they needn't have worried. As Aylward said, the expectations have been met and exceeded on both the offensive line as well as defensive tackle where he joins Chartienitz as a two way player.

"He gave us some production last year but he really seized the opportunity that he was going to have this season," Aylward said. "He was in the weight room every day over the winter and he also had a very successful baseball season. He stayed in shape and was ready to go and he has been awesome for us."

Riley knew he would be counted on more than every this season and he was not about to let his coaching staff or his teammates down.

"I had worked hard before, but I hit the weights a lot more this year," Riley said. "I knew I needed to step up and I really wanted to do it. I work hard in practice all the time to try and improve as well."

Latta's story may be the most gratifying of all for the coaches as well as from his own personal standpoint. While always a talented player he had been limited by his weight in being able to display all of those talents.

Finally with a push from Aylward, the extra weight started to come off, eventually reaching a total loss of 60 pounds and the results have spoken for themselves.

"He has always been a driven and determined kid who was willing to do whatever it takes to get better," Aylward said. "I told him to drop some weight and do some running and he went out and lost 60 pounds which in itself is a huge accomplishment. It shows how determined he was."

Latta knew that the weight loss would help not only the team but himself as well, and he accomplished the weight loss, the old fashioned way, through hard work.

"I went to the doctor for a physical and stepped on the scale and it said 310 so I knew I had to drive myself to lose weight," Latta said. "When it came time for the season I had dropped 50 pounds and was in the best shape of my life and it put me in a better position to succeed for the team. I have progressed up to running four miles a day."

One thing that all of the players realize is that they would not have had the success they have had and the team would not be shooting for a winning record against Wilmington on Thursday if they did not have each other.

The old adage goes that it takes years for a line to truly come together and play as a unit. In high school of course, that time is limited and this group has only had one year together, but they certainly seem to be playing together as one unit.

"Over this season they have become like my brothers, like a family to me," Chartienitz said. "I love having them next to me on the line."

And if they are not going to get credit for the stellar job they do,

then who better to share the lack of recognition with than family.

"It's awesome working with them. It's a dogfight down there," Riley said. "That's the way I like it. Just go out and play because we love to play and let others get the credit."

"I enjoy it immensely," added Latta. "Having Tom (Byrne) next to me on the line is great and I would not want anything else. As each game has progressed this season we have gotten more and more used to each other and have been able to do different things."

And with the camaraderie that has been built up over the season comes the realization that it will soon be coming to an end. While as students they still have more than half of their senior year to experience together, as football players they have just one game left. As that game approaches, each player is preparing for the inevitable finish.

"We have been close right from the beginning, but now we are closer than ever," Chartienitz said. "I am one of the most emotional guys on the team and I know I will miss it. I just don't want it to end."

While Riley knows it will be hard to say goodbye, he is shifting his focus elsewhere.

"I try not to think about it, but that is the reality," Riley said. "We have been playing since we were little kids so it would be nice to go out with a bang."

Latta concurs with Riley's assessment, "Reality has not set in yet. At the end of the game I will feel that, but right now the game itself is overshadowing the end of the season. I am sure when it is over it will be tough, but I don't think about it now."

Of course that final game is a huge one. Not only will the Redmen be trying to achieve a winning record for the season, but they will also be trying to snap a two game losing streak to their arch rivals from Wilmington. You can be sure that everything else will be pushed aside at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday.

"So far this is the biggest thing in my life," Chartienitz said. "There would be nothing better than to go out and stick it to Wilmington on Thanksgiving."

Riley added, "It's a very big game, the biggest of our lives so far. We have to go out and play as hard as we can one last time. Wilmington always seems to produce a good team, but if we play the way we can we have a shot at winning and after the past couple of seasons that would be a great thing for us."

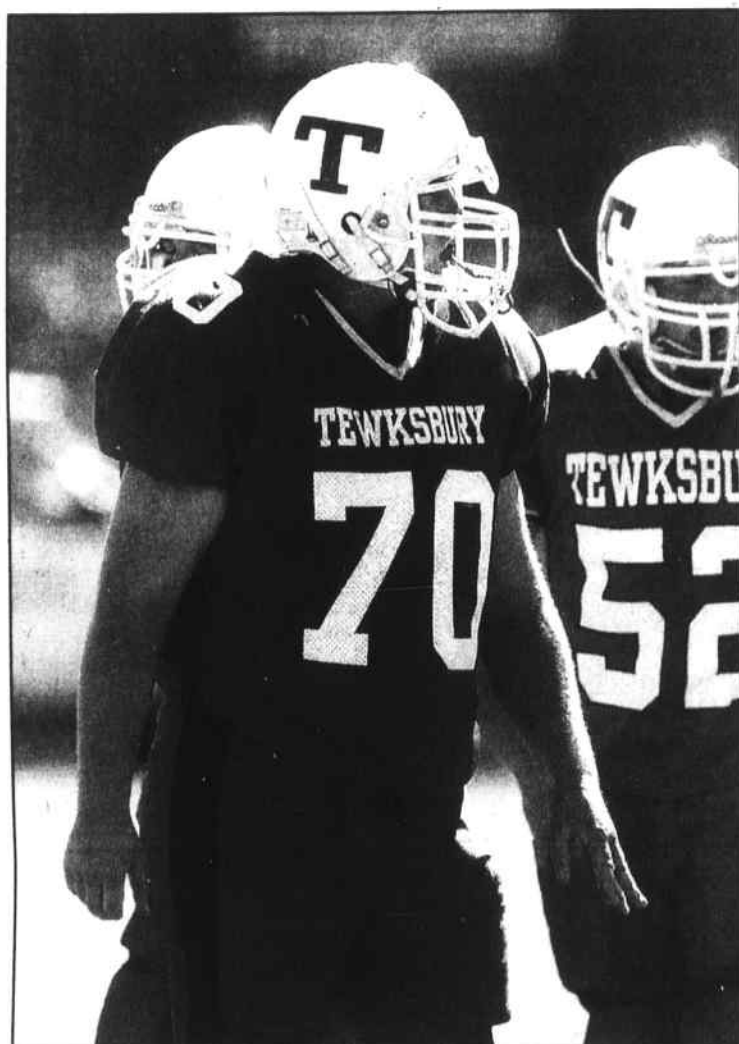
And while Latta is not necessarily looking forward to ending his career of playing football with his buddies, he is in some ways looking forward to hearing that final whistle.

"It would be so great to come off the field with a huge win like that, especially after the past few years," he said. "I can't imagine how great a feeling it will be to beat them."



Tewksbury High senior Pat Riley, who helped the baseball team in the state tournament last year, has been very strong as a linemen for the 5-5 team.

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Tewksbury High senior John Latta overcame a lot to become a very good linemen for the Redmen, who will host the Wilmington Wildcats on Thursday in the 72nd annual Thanksgiving game.

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spective as they get ready to play the biggest game of their lives.

Riley, Latta and Chartienitz are just three of the anonymous five and while their contributions may go unnoticed by the average fan they certainly do not go unnoticed by the skill position players behind them and they definitely do not go unnoticed by their coach.

"This is the first year they have all been together on the same line," Aylward said. "And they have been great. Coach (Paul) Norton has done a great job developing a cohesiveness among them and they are a very serious group of kids. They are all business and they get the job

Herra's last hurrah

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Wildcat football team to victory one last time. And he knows that won't be easy as Tewksbury has a very good club.

"We looked at some film on them and we're going to watch more of it," said Herra. "Every year we have to prepare different for them because they always give you something different. You can't always be ready for everything because they have so many different plays and sometimes that's harder to prepare for."

And while film tapes can be broken down to a million parts, Herra kept it simple when asked what the Wildcats have to do to come home with a victory in his final game on the field.

"We made too many mistakes against North Andover," he said. "We made too many mental mistakes. If we play the way we're capable of, we'll be alright."

edges the great intensity that he brings to the game, but he credits Aylward and the rest of the coaching staff for helping him maintain that attitude.

"I have always had that because there is nothing better than being in a game. There is nothing better than running around and hitting people," Chartienitz said. "As coach says, the next play is always the biggest so play so you have to get up and go at again."

Riley at right tackle and Latta at left tackle entered the season as more of a question mark to the Tewksbury coaching staff, but they have stepped up to give the Redmen great efforts at a couple of very important positions.

"We knew going into the season that if we were going to be successful we would need production out of at least one if not

Joe Herra's statistics

Freshmen Year (2002)

Passing: 45-for-97, 816 yards, 6 TDs, 2 INTs
Rushing: 223 yards, 7 TDs

Sophomore Season (2003)

Passing: 47-for-90, 663 yards, 9 TDs, 2 INTs
Rushing: 421 yards, 9 TDs

Junior Season (2004)

Passing: 56-for-129, 1,133 yards, 19 TDs, 11 INTs
Rushing: 544 yards, 7 TDs

Notables: Cape Ann League Player of the Year; Boston Herald and Boston Globe All-Scholastic; Set school record with TD passes in a season with 19.

Senior Season (2005)

Passing: 59-for-109, 956 yards, 10 TDs, 4 INTs
Rushing: 302 yards, 6 TDs

Notables: Also has 12 interceptions from his free safety position

Career

Passing: 206-for-425, 3,568 yards, 44 TDs, 19 INTs
Rushing: 1,490 yards, 29 TDs

Notables: Heading into the Thanksgiving Game against Tewksbury, he ranks 16th in the state of Massachusetts with 44 career touchdown passes.

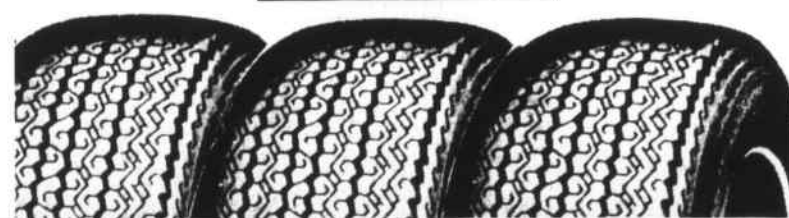
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Paintball video game is special

Finding the perfect holiday gift for the men in your life can be a challenging task. You hope to find something they would love to have but don't already own.

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and old but if you aren't a video gamer yourself, how do you know which game to choose? Here is a hot new game, just released for the holiday shopping season that is certain to please even the most experienced gamer on your list.

The new Greg Hastings Tournament Paintball (GHTP) Max'd is the highly anticipated sequel to last year's sleeper hit, Greg Hastings' Tournament Paintball. Your gamers will love the new game play features this new title brings to the first person shooter (FPS) genre. Even the most experienced gamers have been impressed with this latest introduction: "GHTP MAX'D will make you feel that you're actually in the game. Poking your head around corners to fend off enemies, running and sliding to dodge enemy fire and everything else makes it a very enjoyable experience. GHTP MAX'D and Halo2 are the only first person shooters that I'll ever play for the Xbox," says 20-year old Terry Lindle, top gamer and Halo 2 tournament

champion.

GHTP Max'd can be played by yourself, with friends or with opponents thousands of miles away via Xbox live. The game is all about speed and strategy. Stemming from the popularity of paintball across the nation, this game simulates the concepts of a paintball tournament in a realistic environment.

Other features include voice commands to direct teammates to target a specific area on the field. A shout of "Everyone Attack" at a pivotal moment will engage the troops. Field commands allow players to move teammates up the field with a flick of a button. They can also listen to teammates calling out opponents' positions — a great feature to avoid getting "bunkered," the ultimate elimination.

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The gift of yourself

With the holiday season upon us, many people feel the need to increase their involvement with charities. While a vast majority of people choose to offer much-needed and appreciated financial relief to their favorite charities, the spirit of the holiday is to encourage people to offer their time as well. But with an overwhelming number of deserving charities in existence, the problem of which one to choose can be difficult to say the very least.

One great place to look is the Points of Light Foundation Web site at www.pointsoflight.org. A national network of volunteer centers, the Points of Light Foundation boasts an easy-to-use Web site where those willing to volunteer can simply type in their zip code or home state, and within seconds, contact information for their nearest volunteer center will appear.

For those looking to instill the value of volunteering in their children this holiday season, the Points of Light Foundation also offers a program distinctly for elementary- and middle-school-aged kids. Called the Kids Care Clubs, these clubs typically adopt special projects where kids can focus on helping a specific group of disadvantaged people, such as the homeless, the disabled or the elderly. Loosely formed in 1990, Kids Care Clubs now number more than 1,000 worldwide. To learn more about how you can find a Kids Care Club for

your children, visit the Web site at www.kidscare.org.

One of the most recognizable images come the holiday season is the red kettle of the Salvation Army (SA). Whether on a city street corner or throughout the malls of suburbia, nearly every American comes into contact with the kettle at one point or another once the holidays arrive. But if you're looking to do more to support the Salvation Army, numerous opportunities exist.

While the kettles collected over \$100 million last year alone, SA also needs volunteers to deliver meals and gifts to the sick or needy or to help out at a local shelter. Playing a more active role with SA this holiday season is especially important, since the organization has had to designate so many resources to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. To learn more about the Salvation Army and what you can do to help, visit their U.S. Web site at www.salvationarmyusa.org.

Another great place to seek out volunteer opportunities is at the Idealist.org Web site. This site is one of the most extensive Internet resources for those who want to volunteer but might not know where to begin. Connected to over 48,000 nonprofit organizations in 65 countries, Idealist.org allows users, at no cost, to input their home city, what area of volunteering they would most like to focus on, and any other description they might be able to offer.

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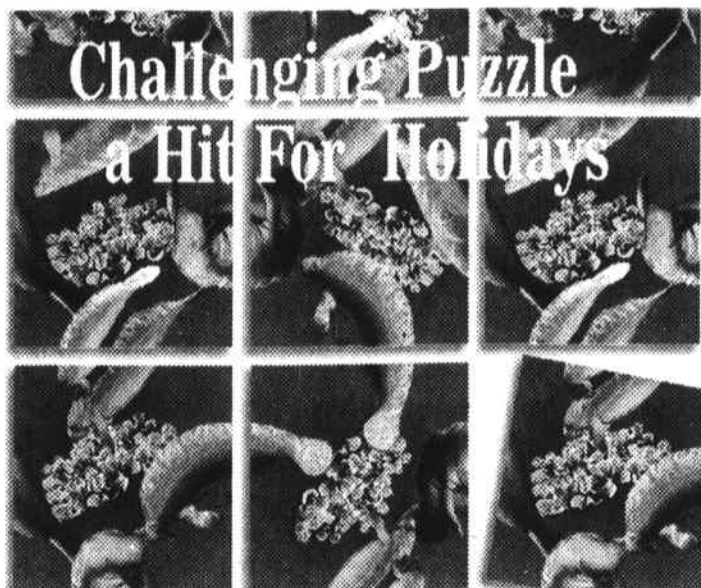
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The holiday season is supposed to be a joyful time of year. However, when faced with an endless gift list and little time to shop, you may end up more frazzled than festive. What's more, after several years of buying gifts for the same friends and family members, how can you ensure your gifts will be unique and not a run-of-the-mill gizmo you picked up on the fly or that they already have?

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While the New Year has certainly become a popular cause

for celebration across most of North America, much of the rest of the world celebrates as well. Here's a list of what some of our worldly neighbors will be doing once the time has officially come to turn that calendar to January 2006.

• **Australia:** While New Year's Eve in the United States may involve people bundling up and making a pilgrimage to Times Square in New York City, Australians typically head

to the beach to ring in the New Year. Since the month of December marks the beginning of summer in Australia, many Australians, who, thanks to time zones, are the first to ring in the New Year, party hard as the clock approaches midnight on December 31 (enjoying a fireworks display set off from the Sydney Harbour Bridge) and continue doing so until dawn. Then on New Year's Day, a public holiday throughout the country, many Australians enjoy picnics or camping out at the beach.

• **England:** Similar to the celebration in New York City, many Londoners head to Trafalgar Square and Piccadilly Circus and wait for the sound of Big Ben chiming at the stroke of midnight before breaking into a rendition of "Auld Lang Syne." Fireworks are also set off near the famous London Eye, a massive ferris wheel-like device located just along the Thames River in the Lambeth section of London.

• **Scotland:** Known as the Hogmanay throughout Scotland, New Year's in Edinburgh, the country's capital, is arguably one of the biggest New Year's celebrations in the world. A four-day festival fea-

turing live music, parades and fireworks, the culmination of the festivities comes on New Year's Eve, when a massive street party is held on Princes Street in the heart of Edinburgh. When the clock strikes twelve, fireworks burst out into the air from Edinburgh Castle.

• **Brazil:** In Brazil, the place to be is Rio de Janeiro, where preparations begin early in the morning for a massive party on the beach come nightfall. As in many places around the world, fireworks go off at midnight and last for around 30 minutes. Though originally more of a religious celebration, New Year's in Rio de Janeiro now is mainly a tourist attraction, with a typical crowd of two million converging on the resort town for the festivities.

• **Germany:** Known as "The Holy Sylvester," the German New Year is named after Pope Sylvester I. Similar to many countries, Germany celebrates the New Year by attending a local party known as a "Sylvester Ball." Though Germany's celebrations are not as grandiose as those in the United States or Scotland, many German celebrators do light off fireworks of their own come the stroke of midnight.

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Oh Christmas Tree

For some, the process of selecting a Christmas tree is akin to an art form. They scout out the ideal tree farm or lot, eye up the selections, and then poke, prod and shake until they've found a winner. Others go strictly by sense of smell: The more potent the piney aroma, the better the tree must be. Still others have no discernible method for choosing a tree other than basing the purchase on cost — if it's a steal, they'll take it.

However you choose your Christmas tree, you may be interested in learning there are actually a few different species common to farms and lots across the country. By learning about the differences between species, and also some general tree-care tips, you can ensure that this year you'll have the tree that's perfect for you.

TREE SPECIES

Fraser fir is a uniformly pyramid-shaped tree. Strong branches are turned slightly upward, giving the tree a compact appearance. Needles are flattened and dark green with a groove on the upper side and two broad silvery-white bands on the lower surface. The combination of form, needle retention, dark blue-green color, pleasant scent and excellent shipping characteristics ha-

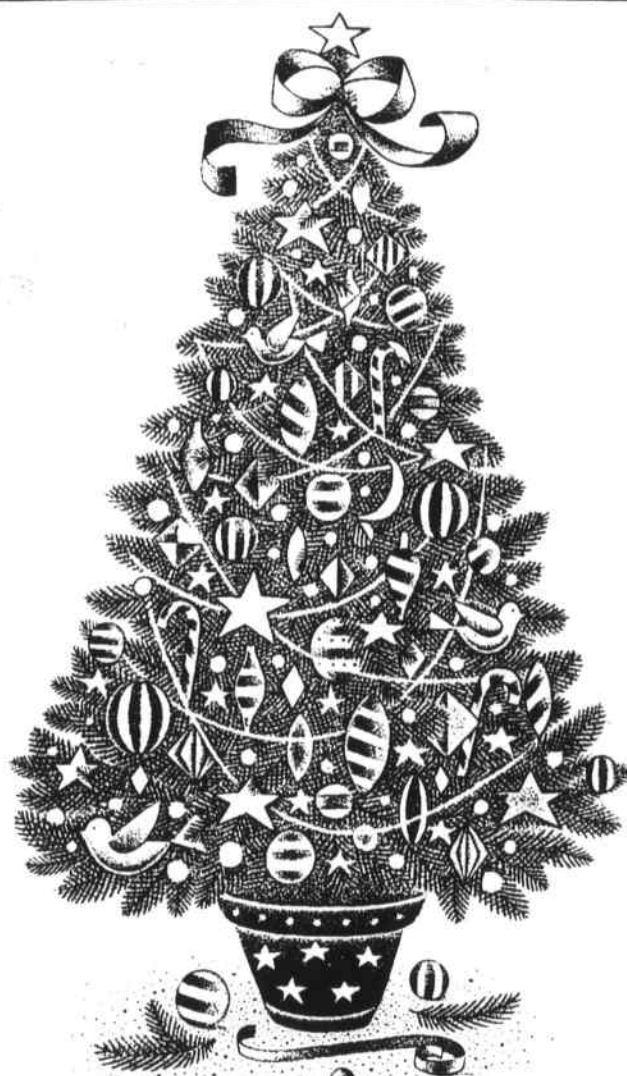
led to Fraser fir being one of the most popular Christmas-tree species.

The Scotch pine is known for its dark-green foliage and stiff branches, which are well suited for decorating with both light and heavy ornaments. It has excellent needle retention characteristics and holds up well throughout harvest, shipping and display. It is likely the most-used species for Christmas-tree purposes.

As a Christmas tree, Balsam fir has several desirable properties: a dark-green appearance, long-lasting needles and attractive form. It also retains its pleasant fragrance. Balsams are so fragrant that their needles were once used for stuffing "pine pillows" to act as a natural deodorant.

The Douglas fir has been the major Christmas tree species used in the Pacific Northwest since the 1920's. The needles are dark green or blue-green, are soft to the touch and radiate out in all directions from the branch. They have a sweet fragrance when crushed.

Colorado blue spruce, or blue spruce, is an attractive tree often used for Christmas trees or ornamentals. It has a narrow, pyramidal shape and cone-shaped crown. As trees become older, they often take on a more irregular appear-



ance. The tree is very popular thanks to its symmetrical form and attractive blue foliage. Blue spruces are often used as living Christmas trees (bought with root ball intact and planted afterward).

TREE CARE

Hunting

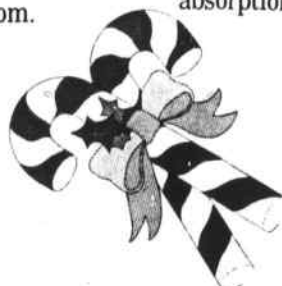
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Both video games are rated "T" for Teen and are available for the PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system, the Xbox® video game system from Microsoft, and the Nintendo GameCube™. For more information, visit www.activision.com.

Once cut, there are steps you can take to ensure your tree lasts through the Christmas season.

• Trees, even healthy ones, will have their share of needle loss. However, if the tree is faded, if the bark on branches is wrinkled, or exterior needles fall off at even the most gentle touch, the tree is excessively dry.

• Cut trees will absorb water more readily from their stand if they are given a fresh cut prior to submerging the trunk. A tree that has not been freshly cut will still absorb water, but at a slower rate. A thick, crusty sap forms on the end of the trunk and can hamper water absorption.



• According to the National Christmas Tree Association, it is not necessary to add anything to the water of Christmas trees, like aspirin, bleach or fertilizer. Plain tap water will extend the life of a tree for weeks. Other additives can actually hamper water absorption and tree moisture levels.

• Look for large tree stands that can accommodate at least a gallon of water. A tree drinks at least one quart of water per inch of trunk diameter per day. A larger stand ensures the water will last longer between refills. Also, check water levels regularly. There are products on the market that will auto-

matically add water to tree stands in case you forget.

TREE MISCONCEPTIONS

Many people avoid real Christmas trees because they feel they are "killing" a tree and harming the environment. In fact, Christmas trees are raised on farms and harvested for this specific purpose. For every tree harvested, at least three are planted in its place. Each year there are more trees available than the last. Cut trees can be recycled after the season and impact the environment far less than artificial trees made of non-biodegradable metal and plastic.

Help children understand

Bows and tinsel are just the beginning. In between all of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it's easy to forget that this time of year is about more than "getting stuff."

It's important to teach children that a true holiday gift comes from the heart of the giver and is intended to symbolize the love and caring between people. With all the commercialism around the holidays, it helps to remind kids that presents are just things, and real holiday gifts are those which come from the heart.

Remembering that gifts arise from the true spirit of giving, and don't have to cost a lot of money can change the focus of the season for both children and adults. Sometimes kids just need a little help coming up with ideas; here are a couple you can share with your children in the weeks before the holidays:

• Talk to children about why people exchange gifts. This can help them understand the symbolic importance of giving and receiving gifts. Encourage them to think about the holiday tradition and why they want to give something to people they care about.

• Talk to children about what they want to give — not just about what they want to get. Grandparents are sure to be charmed by a gift of artwork from small children, as would patients in a local hospital, who could perhaps use some holiday cheer. Encourage the young ones to paint a picture or make a card.

• Suggest children consider giving a gift that lasts all year. If there are military families in your area, school-age children could "adopt" a member of the armed services as a pen pal to correspond with throughout the year.

• Another simple gift idea is helping out around the house or

Collectibles

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a sports-related item is a thoughtful, unexpected — and generally inexpensive — gift idea.

Authentic Sports Collectibles, and its informative, and easy-to-browse Web site www.ascollect.com, makes finding that perfect gift easy. Whether you're short on time, or would prefer to avoid the crowds packing neighborhood stores, simply look through the offerings on the site, and in a few clicks, you'll have a special piece of sports history delivered for the ones you love.

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To learn more about sports-related gifts ideas for those on your holiday shopping list, visit www.ascollect.com.

Videos

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game's soundtrack. The soundtrack features Puddle of Mudd, Mellowman Ace, and other bands. The game also features stylized illustrations from artist Josh Turbin.

The game can be played on Xbox and other gaming platforms, and is rated E10+ (Everyone 10 and older). For more information, visit www.ghtp.net.

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Shop the Block, Reading on Thursday, December 1

Stroll down the streets of Reading's downtown and kick off the holiday season with fabulous, festive shopping. On Thursday December 1, from 5 to 9 p.m., Reading's downtown retailers will again host Shop the Block. Now in its third year, Shop the Block has become a "Don't Miss" event. This lively evening is sponsored by downtown organizers CB Designs, The Wine Shop of Reading, Simms Jewelers, Goodhearts Children's Shop, Sense of Wonder and The Hitching Post.

Joining in the festivities this year are Sofia Brina, Aroma Café, Savory Tastes Café, General Goods, The Arc of East Middlesex (formerly known as EMARC), and The Hotspot Café. "Shop the Block provides downtown retailers with a fun and festive opportunity to kick off the holiday season," notes Leslie Leahy of The Hitching Post. "It has quickly turned into a Reading tradition and this year we are delighted to have so many new participants." These downtown retailers and restaurants will provide patrons with an enjoyable evening of shopping, entertainment, and refreshment.

In addition to hosting entertainment throughout the evening, many of the participating retailers and restaurants are offering refreshments and special Shop the Block items and promotions. Drawings for "Shop the Block Gift Baskets" filled with items from sponsoring retailers will be held at various stores. Shoppers can make a donation to enter the drawings at each store hosting a gift basket. All proceeds will be donated to the Mission of Deeds.

New this year will be complimentary Shop the Block trolley service. "Our customers

reported some frustration finding convenient parking during last year's celebration," observed Jean Smith from Sense of Wonder. "So we arranged for a trolley to swing down from Main Street to the Reading Depot parking areas and back, stopping for shoppers as necessary along the way."

Throughout the evening, carolers will be strolling with shoppers and the holiday spirit will be contagious. It is an evening to meet new friends and greet old ones. In the spirit of the evening, you might even be able to cross a few lines off your shopping list as well!

A complete Shop the Block schedule will be posted on participants' front doors prior to

December 1. For further information about Shop the Block, contact Jean Smith 781-944-8986 or js@senseofwondergifts.com.

Shop the Block Organizers/Sponsors: o The Wine Shop of Reading, 676 Main Street. o CB Designs, 662 Main Street. o Simms Jewelers, 648 Main Street. o Goodhearts Children's Shop, 642 Main Street. o Sense of Wonder, 622 Main Street. o The Hitching Post, 190 Haven Street.

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Stuck on stuffers? Sock it to 'Em!

Stockings hung from the fireplace mantel (or any other spot you have handy) are a staple of the holidays. Children and adults alike look forward to uncovering the treasures hidden within.

Finding trinkets and stuffers is relatively easy, but for those looking to make a departure

from the norms of candy or scented soaps, a more practical, not to mention comfortable, option is out there for your loved one to enjoy. Surprise that special someone this holiday season with a colorful and comfortable pair of specialty socks.

In lieu of traditional socks, specialty socks come with unique designs that can reflect your loved one's favorite hobby or even his or her favorite animal.

An easy way to choose which specialty sock to stuff is to pay attention to her own personal style. For instance, if the woman in your life likes to keep up with all the latest fashion trends, select the latest knee-high boot socks, with patterns ranging from unique floral designs to the more attention-grabbing jungle patterns.

For more information or to peruse the SoxPlus catalog, visit their Web site at www.sox-plus.com.

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Is there parking?
There is ample parking close to all the participating shops and restaurants. There will be FREE trolley service to and from the Reading Depot parking areas throughout the evening (5:30 p.m. to approx. 9:30 p.m.).

Who should I call if I have questions about the event?

Call Jean Smith at Sense of Wonder 781-944-8986 if you have questions.

What shops are participating?

Shop the Block Organizers/Sponsors: o The

These downtown retailers and restaurants will provide patrons with a festive evening of food, entertainment, and shopping.

Where in Reading is the event?

Participating shops and restaurants are located on or near Main Street between Haven and Woburn Streets in Reading Center, and continuing down Haven Street toward the Reading Depot.

Will Shop the Block feature any special events?

The event will feature holiday entertainment by many of Reading's community groups. Also joining in the festivities this year are some of Reading's downtown coffee shops and bistros. Relax before, during, or after the event at Aroma Café, Savory Tastes Café, or The Hot Spot Café.

Shopping the block facts

What is Shop the Block?

Shop the Block is a community-based holiday stroll in Reading, Massachusetts, taking place on Thursday, December 1, 2005 from

5:00 - 9:00 PM. The event is organized and sponsored by six specialty retailers in Reading's central downtown retail block and is designed to raise awareness of downtown Reading as a great holiday shopping destination. The event is organized by CB Designs, The Wine Shop of Reading, Simms Jewelers, Goodhearts Children's Shop, Sense of Wonder and The Hitching Post. Joining in the festivities this year are

Sofia Brina, Aroma Café, Savory Tastes Café, General Goods, The Arc of East Middlesex (formerly known as EMARC), The Hot Spot Café, and Vitality Wellness Spa.

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Be a hit with unique gifts of toys

It happens every holiday season. You've got a list of kids for whom you need to buy presents, and the experts on TV just keep talking about the same twelve toys over and over again. How do you find something different? How can you be that super aunt, uncle or grandparent who finds a surprise gift that's the hit of the holiday? Here are some ideas for great gifts that are off the beaten path.

WHERE THE BOYS ARE

Monkey madness is sweeping the nation this holiday season, so go ahead and feed into that primate love with an unusual and exciting offering from Hot Wheels®. The Gorilla Attack™ Track Set is an elaborate, gravity defying amusement park playset that features high-speed racers facing off against a rampaging gorilla's threatening fists and chomping teeth. Kids race around the motorized track, doing their best to avoid the pounding fist of one of the gorilla's hands and shoot the stun gun before the angry ape destroys the park's roller coaster. The gorilla's other hand diverts the

cars into his mouth. For kids who want to create chaos in addition to saving the day, there is a manual override so that kids can "become" the gorilla and try to knock off the cars. It's more fun than a barrel of ... well, you know.

It may be the holiday season, but don't let that make you forget about Batman Begins™. The Batman Begins™ Gotham City™ Playset is the perfect centerpiece for any Batman collection. The playset dramatically transforms from the Batmobile™ into a full playset of Gotham City with tons of play features, including lights, sounds and a working monorail! With the film now out on DVD, this is a great way for the youngster on your list to recreate all the excitement of the movie over and over again.

Older boys are sure to flip for Tyco® R/C's new Dropstars™ assortment of remote-control vehicles. Representing the aftermarket trend so preva-

lent in today's car culture, these 1:18-scale models make a perfect gift for the dub-style car guy in your life. Choose from designs such as the Range Rover or Dodge Magnum, each with light-up wheel wells, spinning rims, authentic detailing, and music from some of today's hottest hip-hop artists! Sure to add a little "bling" to the holidays, these vehicles catch the lifestyle car trend with cool R/C action.

WHAT GIRLS WANT.....

When Dean Martin sang, "Baby, It's Cold Outside," he may well have been talking about America's favorite minidoll, Polly Pocket, especially this year, as Polly hits the slopes with her Snow Cool™ Hotel and Playset Assortment. Polly's "coolest" new hotel looks like a magical winter castle but opens to reveal the ultimate winter adventure destination, complete with a working ski lift and ski slope to race down. Grab dinner on the balcony, and then it's time for Polly to hit the ice-skating rink, where a magnetic feature allows her to actually dance on the ice! Last but not least, hit the hot tub to chill. There's so much to do for hours of winter getaway play!

Polly's friends also join her on vacation with two winter-themed playsets. The entire crew can stock up on skis, snowboards or winter fashions at the Snow Cool™ Ski Shop™ with Drew®, one of Polly's newest friends. It even has a cash register to ring up the fun mini goods. Or if everyone wants to see the sights, they can bundle up and catch a ride with Lila®, thanks to the Snow Cool™ Sleigh Day™ playset.

Older girls will love the newest phenomenon to hit the doll aisle, Teen Trends™. From Mattel, the makers of Barbie™ and American

Girl™, comes this line of poseable 17-inch fashion dolls — each with a different personality and style. Choose from Gabby (the feminine "girly-girl"), Kianna (the "rocker girl" with pink hair gel), Deon-dra (the "glam girl" with a velour sweat suit), or Courtney (the "preppy girl" with casual fashions). These dolls have long, beautiful hair that holds sassy styles. And, like the real fashion magazines that girls love to read, each doll also comes with her own personalized Look Book! Teen Trends™. These are the "It Girls" for fashion, hair and style.

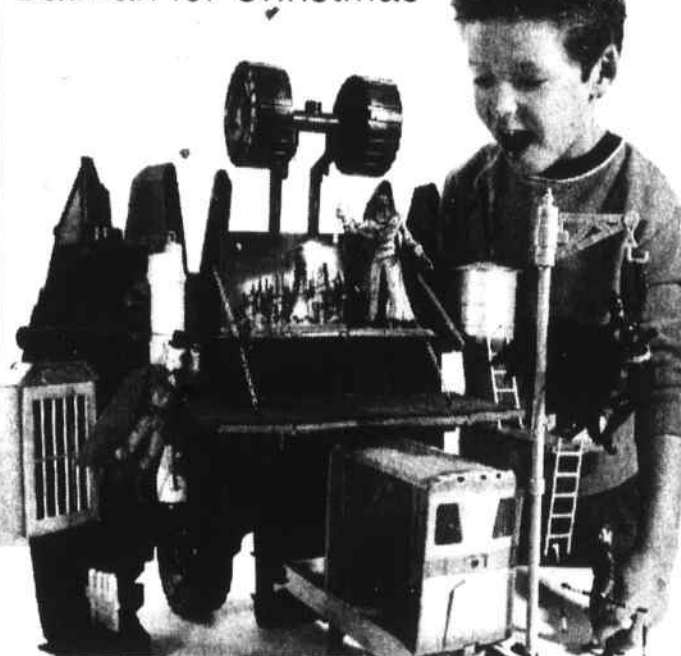
GAME TIME!

Winter months mean more time inside. And what better way to spend that time than by bonding with family and friends while playing a game? The makers of America's #1 family game have a new take on an old favorite. UNO® Attack is a frenzied, unpredictable version of the popular UNO® card game that adds speed and surprise to the classic game. Players push the button on the Card Launcher and, if they are lucky, nothing will happen. If they're not, the Card Launcher will fire a stream of cards at the player. UNO® Attack comes with 112 UNO® Attack cards, including special command cards such as "Trade Hands," "Discard All," "All Hit," "Hit Fire," and "Hit 2," along with a motorized Card Launcher.

For other great game ideas, the good folks at Mattel have created a Web site to help you find the perfect game for anyone on your list. Simply go to www.mattelgamefinder.com

and enter in the occasion, age range or price for your gift needs. It couldn't be any easier to find a can't-miss gift for anyone on your list this season!

Batman for Christmas



Whether they've seen the movie or not, boys will love playing with the Batman Begins Gotham City Playset this holiday season.

Coldwell collects gifts for Little Wanderers

The Stoneham Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office, through its charitable corporation Coldwell Banker Cares, Inc., is collecting gifts as part of the annual holiday campaign to assist the Home for Little Wanderers during the holiday giving season.

The Home for Little Wanderers is a nationally renowned private, non-profit child and family service agency providing services to more than 10,000 children and families each year through over 30 programs that are measurably changing lives.

The mission of The Home is to ensure the healthy development of children at risk, their families and communities through an integrated system of prevention, advocacy, research and a continuum of direct services.

As a designated gift drop-off center, the Stoneham Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage managers and sales associates are encouraging friends, families, colleagues and neighbors throughout the community to drop off new, unwrapped gifts to this office located at 105 Central Street, Suite 1200, Stoneham.

The office is accepting donations now through December 14th. Ideas for donations are educational toys, games, hob-

bies, books, clothing, sporting goods and school supplies. The gifts will be collected by The Home and given to program sponsored children during the holiday season.

"The Home for Little Wanderers is a wonderful organization" said Rita Manuel, manager of the Stoneham office. "We are very grateful to have been given the opportunity to support their cause by bringing happiness to the children supported by their programs, and we hope that our Massachusetts neighbors will join us.

For more information, contact Rita Manuel at 781-438-7600.

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Funds will be distributed locally in the M.E. communities, which include Wilmington, Tewksbury, North Reading, Lynnfield, Reading, Stoneham, Burlington, Woburn, Wakefield, Winchester.

A list of contributors will be published in Middlesex East throughout December.

Corporations and individuals are encouraged to include their names as part of their donations as efforts are made to promote the fund.

The "M.E. Santa" effort is actually part of the Salvation Army's ongoing service program. Please Help!

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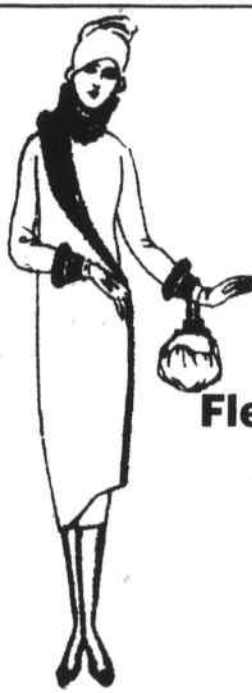
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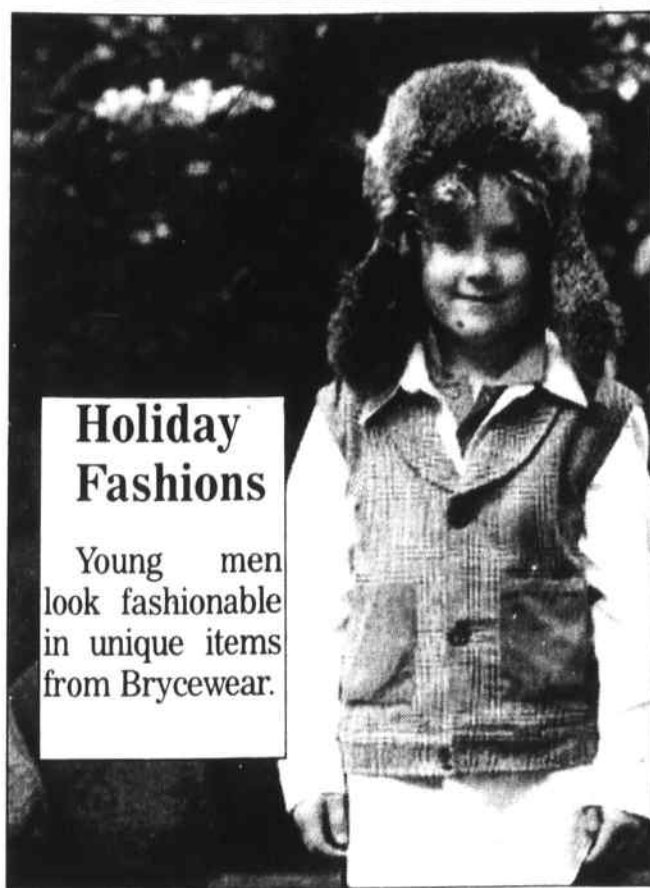
Unique holiday fashions for the entire family

During the holidays it's essential for the family to look its best. After all, there are parties to attend, photos to take and dinners to host. While it may be easy for the adults in the family to find fashionable items for their holiday wardrobes and beyond, it can be much more difficult to dress the kids — particularly little boys. Season after season there are seemingly endless choices for fashionable girls' wear, but you could spend hours searching in vain for unique and fashionable pieces for young tykes.

Pamela Watson, a veteran stylist to the stars and icon in the fashion industry, was used to dressing musicians, television news personalities, supermodels and movie stars. However, when her son Bryce was

born, styling this little guy was new territory. Watson quickly discovered there were meager fashionable options available for her son, and scoured store after store to complete his wardrobe. This tiring process would have to be repeated after each growth spurt. Watson had to provide relief for fashion-starved parents and their sons.

Watson collaborated with designers from New York, Milan and Tokyo to develop her own collection called Brycewear. The line consists of classic pieces mixed with cutting-edge urban style made specifically for unique young men. Pieces like blazers, cargo pants, button-down shirts, newsboy caps and linen jackets can be mixed and matched for a seemingly endless array of



Holiday Fashions

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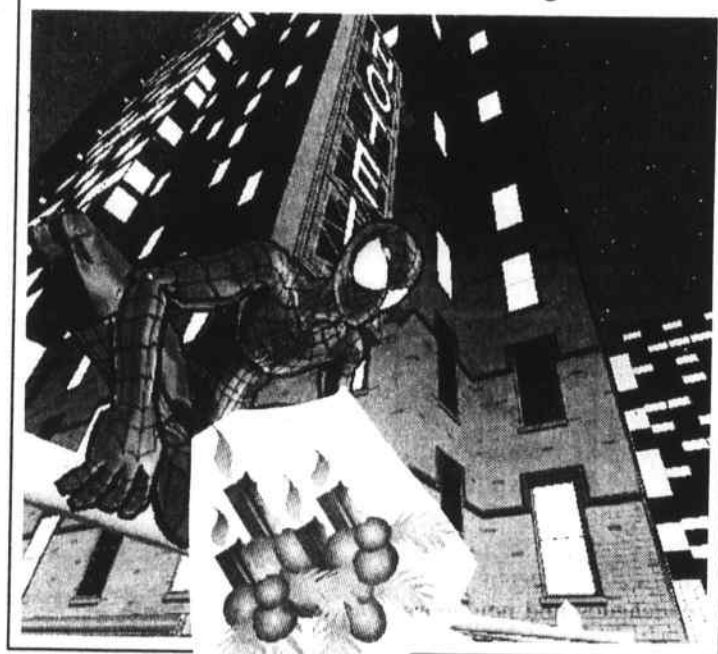
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Gamers can relive the action of their favorite summertime movie with the Fantastic 4 video game. The team-based adventure game lets players take on the role of Marvel's Fantastic 4 Super Heroes — Reed Richards/Mr. Fantastic, Sue Storm/The Invisible Woman, Johnny Storm/The Human Torch, and Ben Grimm/The Thing — and master each character's powers: stretching, invisibility, shooting fire and leveling superhuman attacks against Doctor Doom.

Each game is rated (T) for teen and is available for PlayStation 2, Xbox, Nintendo GameCube, PSP and PC. For more information, visit www.activision.com.

Comic book action stars a holiday hit



Ultimate Spider-Man is a web of action for gamers.

Santa is a hero to kids young and old come the holiday season. However, popular comic book Super Heroes and action stars will be vying for attention as well. What's more, these larger-than-life characters offer fun year-round.

This year, based on the popularity of Marvel comic book Super Heroes, the latest craze for gamers is hero-inspired adventures that allow kids to become a part of the action. As such, Activision, Inc. offers

exciting games centered around X-Men™, Spider-Man™ and the Fantastic 4™, just in time for holiday gift-giving.

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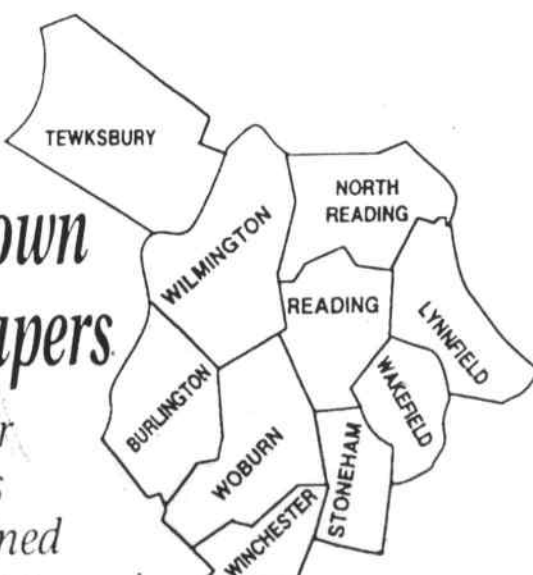
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'Tis the Season... for lighting

Stringing Up Holiday Lights

Chances are, when it comes to designing your Christmas lights display, you're more like Chevy Chase as Clark Griswold than Bob Vila. But holiday decorating needn't be a daunting task. Luckily, there is a bevy of products that can make designing your holiday decorations a lot easier.

Net lights make decorating all those trees and hedges sig-

nificantly easier than it used to be. Rather than forcing you to string together several different strands of lights to cover your hedges and trees, net lights are connected in one easy net (reducing your dependence on knotted up extension cords), requiring you to just unfold the net and drape it over your nearest hedge. Also, most of these lights allow you to connect three nets at once, making the decoration of a row of

hedges or one long tree trunk markedly easier.

Rope lights have also made decorating the home, and taking those decorations down, a lot less stressful. Similar to a garden hose, rope lights typically come on a spool that makes the trying process of untangling holiday lights a thing of the past. They can be used in many locations where you've once used traditional lights.

After you've chosen the right design, make sure you're careful in your use of holiday lights and decorations. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), each year, 12,500 people head to the emergency room with cuts, burns, shocks and falls, courtesy of incidents involving faulty holiday lights, dried-out Christmas trees, and other decorations. The following are

some helpful hints from the CPSC for you to take into consideration before dusting off your lights, ladder and staple gun and heading to the roof.

- Product inspection agencies such as ETL Semko (formerly Edison Testing Laboratory) and UL (Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.) exist for a reason. Whether you're buying indoor or outdoor lights, make sure your lights have the ETL or UL seal, which assures they meet safety standards and have been certified for their specific use (indoor or outdoor).

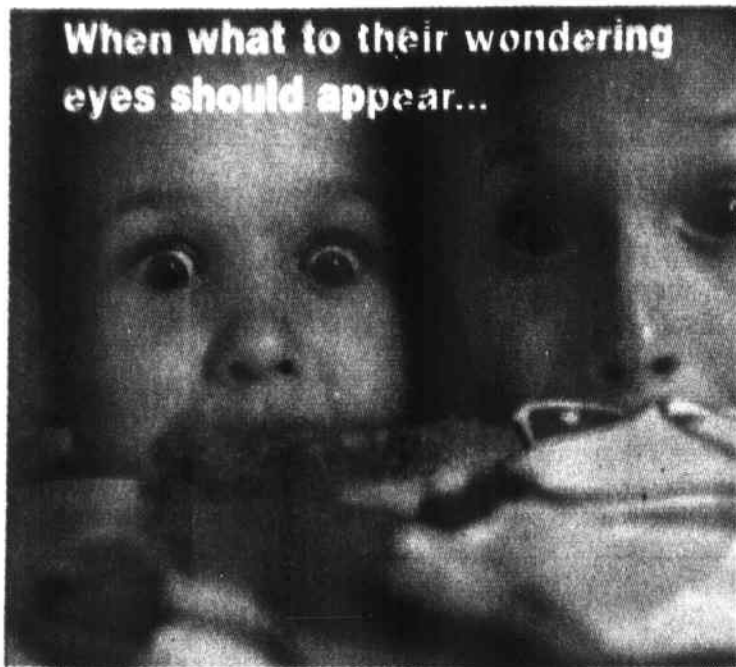
- Examine your lights, new or old. Broken or cracked sockets, frayed wires, or loose connections indicate that those lights should be thrown away. Also, if a bulb burns out, replace it immediately, as the remaining bulbs will burn hotter for each burned out bulb.
- Always turn the lights off



before going to sleep or leaving your home.

- Plug outdoor lights into circuits protected by ground-fault

circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to protect against electric shock. These are available wherever electrical supplies are sold.



When what to their wondering eyes should appear...

Nothing says "Holiday Tradition" like staying at home and baking Christmas cookies with your siblings or children. Chances are they'll repeat the tradition with their own children.

Get crafty with the kids this Holiday

If you're looking for a clever way to interact with your children, engage them in a holiday craft project that they can enjoy! Making homemade holiday ornaments can become an annual family tradition. An easy way to craft ornaments that will last through the years is to use a simple recipe for salt dough.

Not only is salt dough inexpensive and easy to make, you probably already have all the ingredients in your kitchen pantry. A perfect way to spend a snowy afternoon or evening in front of the fireplace, whip up a batch of salt dough using this simple recipe. Mold it into favorite holiday shapes (stars, gingerbread men, Christmas

Holiday tipping

Jennifer has so many people to tip around the holidays that she has to write out a list. First, there are the doormen, superintendent and maintenance men at her apartment building. Then there is her colorist. Oh, add in her hair stylist and the nice shampoo girl. "Did I mention my newspaper and mail carriers? I can't even keep track of it all," she explains.

The holidays are a time to open your heart and your wallet to those who provide services to you. Tipping is a way

to express your gratitude for what you've received in the past months as well as for the service you will receive in the months ahead.

Who you tip and how much you tip is under constant debate. According to the Emily Post Institute, base your decision on how pleased you are with the service, your relationship with the provider, how often you use the service, how long you have used the service, your budget, your area's customs, and the type of establishment (upscale ver-

trees, menorahs and more), and let the kids decorate to their heart's content.

Supplies:

- 4 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 112 cups hot water
- Holiday cookie cutters

Decorations: glitter, paint, beads, ribbon, glue, etc.

Knead the dough and roll it out to desired thickness to cut out shapes with cookie cutters (just like if you were making sugar cookies). Use a straw to poke a hole in the top of each ornament to create a spot to thread ribbon through for hanging. Place them on a microwave-safe plate and microwave on high for about two minutes. Or preheat your oven to 325 F and place ornaments on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Let the ornaments dry and harden in the oven for one hour to 1 1/2 hours. Paint and decorate as desired. Most of all, be creative, and have a lot of fun!

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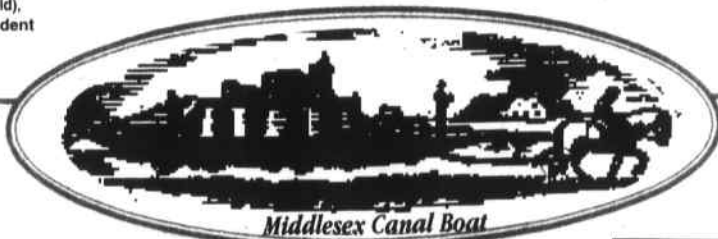
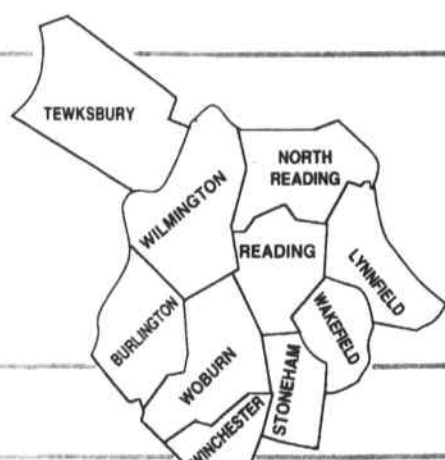
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M.E. Santa hangs out the red kettle for 8th holiday season



The Middlesex East Santa is off and running again this year.

Each year, the Daily Times Chronicle and North Reading Transcript publications hang out their own Red Kettle in an effort to benefit individuals and families within the Middlesex East area.

The red kettle effort has been a constant one since the 1980s.

Funds collected in the effort go directly to individuals in the ME circulation area.

Donations can be made to: "M.E. Santa" c/o Daily Times Chronicle One Arrow Drive Woburn, MA 01801

In recent days, the

Massachusetts Salvation Army held their annual Christmas Kettle Kickoff on at the Downtown Crossing between Filenes and Macy's, in Boston.

Involved in the local kick-off this week are area community newspapers to include the North Reading Transcript, Lynnfield Villager, Wilmington Town Crier, Tewksbury Town Crier, Stoneham Independent and all five communities of the Daily Times Chronicle (Burlington, Reading, Wakefield, Winchester and Woburn).

The list of contributors will be published in the Middlesex East starting next Wednesday, November 30.

"We consider this to be a grassroots effort with a lot of small donations adding up to a lot of big time happiness," said Richard Haggerty, the business manager of Middlesex East. "Your efforts in past years are most appreciated and the funds are well spent to help those less fortunate."

Annually, Middlesex East raises \$3,500 to \$4,000 for M.E. Santa drive.

"The red kettles are an important reminder that there are still many people in our community that need support in order to provide a meaning-

ful Christmas for their children, whether it be toys, food, clothing, shelter, help battling a drug or alcohol addiction or assistance paying their utility bills," says Lt. Colonel Fred

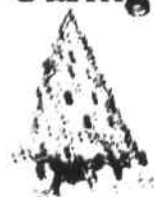
Van Brunt, State Commander of The Salvation Army in Massachusetts.

This year's overall statewide Kettle Campaign goal is \$3 million dollars, with funds collected being used to help those in need during this holiday season and throughout

the year. "While the outpouring of support for disaster relief has been tremendous, the fact remains that there are many people right here in Massachusetts who still need assistance every day of the year," continues the Colonel.



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Movie Reviews

by Paul Feely

"WALK THE LINE" IGNITES THE SCREEN

MOVIE:
"WALK THE LINE"
GRADE: ****

Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon ignite the screen with their portrayals of Johnny Cash and June Carter in *Walk the Line*, the true story of the early ups and downs in the Man in Black's career.

Phoenix and Witherspoon's performances are so finely honed that they hurdle the usual show-biz clichés associated with movies of this genre.

The story traces Cash's life from his poor childhood — including the tragic death of his brother — to the late 1960s, when he finally overcame his drug addiction, with the help of Carter and her family.

Walk the Line overflows with musical numbers, and Phoenix and Witherspoon do their own singing.

The movie is choppy at the beginning, as if many scenes had been cut to whittle down the running time. One moment we see a young Cash lying in bed weeping at the loss of his brother, the next he is joining the military.

His first wife, Vivian (Ginnifer Goodwin) is introduced talking to Cash via long distance, with him asking her to marry him. The next scene shows Cash wandering through a music store in Germany, picking up a guitar and teaching himself to play. No motivation or explanation for these actions are given.

Walk the Line follows Cash as he enjoys success, goes on the road, neglects his family, gets hooked on pills, falls in love with another woman, loses his family and teeters on the brink of self-destruction before being saved, reviving his career and becoming bigger than ever.

The talents of Phoenix and Witherspoon overcome and

compensate the script's shortcomings.

Phoenix, his voice lowered, captures the essence of Cash without resorting to an outright impersonation. On stage, holding his guitar high in Cash's familiar stance, he exudes the singer's dynamism and charisma. Witherspoon hides Carter's personality beneath a bubbly public persona in which she makes her audiences feel at ease and at home.

While Cash battles his demons externally, Carter

"*Jarhead*" is a war movie that ends up being more about the lack of war than what it feels like when the bullets are flying.

"*Jarhead*," a deep, psychological drama detailing a Marine sniper's experiences in the 1991 Persian Gulf War, stars Jake Gyllenhaal and is directed by Sam Mendes ("American Beauty," "Road to Perdition").

It tells the story of Anthony "Swoff" Swofford, whose book is the basis for this film. Swofford, played by Gyllenhaal

the dirty work they thought they would be completing, the soldiers pine for their girlfriends and wives, whom they're sure are cheating on them back home. With no enemy to fight in the field, they turn on one another.

While the movie deals specifically with the troops in Operations Desert Shield and Storm, it manages to steer clear of commentary on the current Iraqi conflict, which is a bit of a surprise given Mendes' penchant for social commentary in other films like "American Beauty," a portrayal of life in the American suburbs.

MOVIE:
"CHICKEN LITTLE"
GRADE: **



IN THIS PHOTO PROVIDED BY 20TH CENTURY FOX, JOAQUIN PHOENIX as Johnny Cash and Reese Witherspoon as June Carter in "Walk the Line."

(AP Photo/20th Century Fox)

faces an internal fight over her feelings for her fellow performer. She is attracted to him, but knows a relationship must have a strong, solid foundation to survive.

Walk the Line is a love story about two people in the public eye who must overcome obstacles both internally and externally to finally come together.

MOVIE:
"JARHEAD"
GRADE: **

in the film, and his fellow jarheads (a term the Marines call one another) are well-trained killing machines, geared up for war who are then left to sit and wait for conflict that never comes.

The film benefits from a blistering performance turned in by Jamie Foxx, playing a mean sergeant who rubs the grunts' faces in their perceived worthlessness.

While airstrikes accomplish

Chicken Little needs some help. A year has passed since that "sky is falling" fiasco, and he is a laughingstock in his home town of Oakey Oaks (home of the "Best Acorns in the Universe"). His comments and ideas are greeted with stony skepticism, a baseball commentator tells him "I've seen road kill with faster reflexes" and, worst of all, a



it's DIFFERENT By How?



There are seven differences in the second picture. Can you spot them?

ANSWERS: LAMP, DRESS, SHOES, TURKEY, EYE, BUTTONS, ARM

new exploitation flick ("Crazy Little Chicken") threatens to permanently label him as a loser.

While other studios have broken new ground in the field of animation (such as Warner Bros., which bankrolled the dazzling "performance capture" process that made last year's "Polar Express" so distinctive), Disney has primarily stuck to the tried and true. "Chicken Little" is not exactly a bold step forward. Its story, in which an outcast seizes a chance to redeem himself, incorporates many familiar Disney themes, right down to Chicken Little's absent mother. While the animation is superb, particularly in its careful attention to detail and textures, it's not unlike anything you've ever seen before, and the soundtrack, which is heavily stocked with take-offs of played-out oldies (including the Spice Girls' "Wannabe" and Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive"), will make viewers wish for the days of "When You Wish Upon a

Star" and "Circle of Life."

But the movie has its share of clever jokes, including a sarcastic opening that immediately sets the tone, a witty "War of the Worlds" parody and a delightful glimpse of a typically humiliating day in Chicken Little's life that's set to the Barenaked Ladies' catchy "One Little Slip." The appealing characters, particularly Kirby, a three-eyed extraterrestrial child that looks something like a fluffed-up piece of candy corn, are another plus, and director Mark Dindal has also done a fine job of selecting celebrity voices. Zach Braff gives Chicken Little an agreeably eager-to-please tone, Joan Cusack puts her special quirkiness into Abby Mallard, a duckling with a serious overbite and unruly feathers, and Fred Willard and Catherine O'Hara drop by near the end to do a bit of enjoyable bantering as a pair of protective parents.

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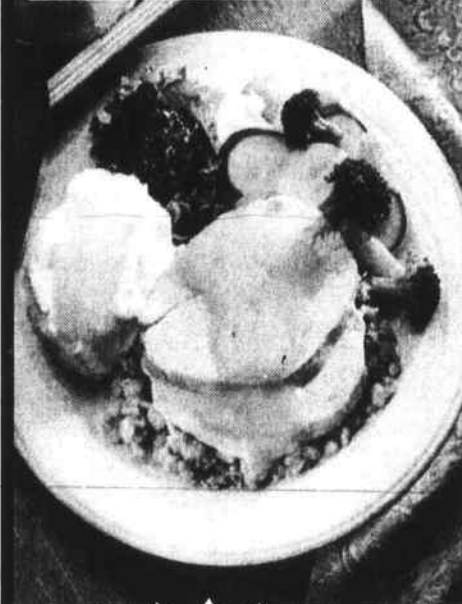
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A revised ticket sale schedule, however, has been released in recent days to reflect on two ticket sale days, Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 3:30 to 7 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 1, from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Holiday Express will chug through the Greater Boston communities of Malden, Melrose and Reading on the seven cars of the MBTA Commuter Rail's Haverhill line.

Two-thousand children and their parents will board the train and embark on a magical journey to the North Pole. During which, there will be many fun-filled activities for the kids, with guest celebrity readers reading "The Polar Express" a children's holiday classic by Chris Van Allsburg.

The non-stop, hour and fifteen minute train ride departs Malden Center's commuter rail station at 11 A.M., Melrose's Cedar Park Station at 1:30 p.m., and Reading Station at 4 p.m. Special guests on the train include several favorite children's characters, including Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman, Tigger, Elmo in addition to the "big man" from the North Pole. Santa's elves will deliver a snack of milk and cookies, a goody bag, a commemorative holiday bell, and a Holiday Express Coloring/Guide Book to all children.

Ticket sales for the event will take place at the former Melrose location of the VNAD located at 50 Tremont St. in Melrose on the following days:

Nov. 30 — 3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Dec. 1 — 3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$15. Children under age two are free. Tickets are limited and on a first come first served basis.

The Holiday Express Train Ride is coordinated by a number of volunteers including faculty and students from Malden, Melrose and Reading high schools.

Parking is available at all the train stations. Children are invited to dress in their pajamas for this event, just as the little boy in The Polar Express did. For additional information, please call the VNA of Boston at 617-333-5513 or visit us at www.bostonvna.org.

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About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

REASONS TO GIVE THANKS

The Best Medicine (Stoneham)

"The Trustees of the Dr. Thomas P. and Edwina H. Devlin Medical Scholarship fund are pleased to announce that awards were presented to one medical school student and five nursing school students at banquet ceremonies held at the China Moon restaurant, Stoneham," notes the "Stoneham Independent."

"In attendance were Trustees: Jennie Bing-You, Dr. Robert Committo, Bob Dearth, Mabelle DeFlumeri, Andrew Devlin, Jo Devlin, Peter Devlin, Arlene Fothergill, Denise Migliorini, Dr. Steven Migliorini, Roxanne Sayce, Maureen Soley, and Dr. Joseph Twichell; also Award Recipients: Jessica Burns, Mary Cronin, Linda Dalton, Anna Marie Murphy, Kelly Turner, and Amy Gebbard."

"Jessica Burns is the oldest child of Philip and Linda Burns of Woburn, and a 2003 graduate of Woburn High School where she was on the swim team and wrote senior class profiles for the Woburn Times. At St. Anselm's College, Jessica is working toward a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. She has continued as a lifeguard in Woburn; as an administrative associate at Winchester Hospital; as secretary and liaison with the Woburn Recreation Department; and as an office clerk in the department of athletics at St. Anselm's. She is a senator in St. Anselm's student government association. In January of this year, her father returned from serving 14 months in Iraq. This is Jessica's third Devlin Scholarship."

"Mary Carroll Cronin

McPhatter, The Drifters with son Ron McPhatter, Harvey Robbins' Royalty of Rock'n Roll All Stars."

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Ron will also perform latter day Drifters' hits such as "Under The Boardwalk".

The Rock'n Roll All Stars have performed major concerts throughout New England and

graduated from Wakefield High School in 2000; from the College of the Holy Cross in 2004 with a degree in psychology and a concentration in deaf studies; and is now seeking a nurse practitioner degree from the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions, specializing in pediatric special needs. She is the daughter of James and Ruth Cronin.

Mary has been a performer, stage manager and technical director for the Wakefield Repertory Theater and has taught deaf children to skate. For the past three years, she has been involved with children with autism, cerebral palsy, deafness and behavioral problems. She has served with Habitat for Humanity in Alabama and Florida. This is Mary's first Devlin Scholarship.

"Linda Dalton lives in Wakefield with her husband William, and is a candidate for an associate degree in nursing from Lawrence Memorial Hospital/Regis College in 2006....

"The following is a list of those in whose memory contributions were made and which, in part, made this year's awards possible: Edith Buckner, Theresa Deighan, Rose Geer, John Gilligan, Cynthia Hughes, Charles Kandes, Ruth Kelly, Robert Landers, Ruth LeBrun, George Lufkin, Susan MacKenzie, Jermie Marsh, George O'Brien, John Sullivan, and Evelyn Vacon."

Special permit (Woburn)

"A special permit to allow a muscular therapy use at a Washington Street location was approved by the City Council at a recent meeting.

on The Norwegian Majesty Cruise Ship with an explosive set of Doo-Wopp and rhythm and blues hits.

To take part in the Shrine's first Oldies Concert and Dance Party, call Sheila at 800-700-0013 ext 20, or 781-665-6466 ext 20 for tickets that are now on sale. Call early because seating is on a first come, first served basis (full tables of 10 are available for Nobles and friends).

City Council made fairly quick work of the request, with a favorable 8-0 vote with some conditions.

"I personally have no problem granting the petition, with some restrictions on the hours," City Council President Paul Medeiros, representing this section of East Woburn, said.

"The new location will be in the two-story office building between Getty and Staples off Washington Street. Scheick currently has licenses for locations in Burlington and Reading.

"Asked what her hours would be, Scheick said she normally works about 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 or 7:30 p.m. She said she doesn't like to work

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Showtime is at 7:30 to when ever. Doo-Wopp Producer/Entertainer Harvey Robbins, who is organizing the event with the Shriners says, "It will be a throwback to the 1950's and early 1960's with this concert featuring...

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School Notes

THANKS BE

by Phyllis Nissen

Food for thought (Burlington)

"At the state level, the length of school lunch periods has become an issue with legislation being drafted to give students a break of at least 30 minutes," notes the Burlington edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"However, in Burlington, School Supt. Dr. James Picone said the length of lunch periods has not been a point of contention."

"The parents haven't really complained," he stated.

"Picone explained lunch in the local schools runs 'in the 20-minute range,' generally 20 or 22 minutes."

"He said Burlington has a longer school day than many other communities in the area and does not have to squeeze in the lunch session."

"Picone also recalled his time working in an elementary school when students would eat as quickly as possible so they could go outside and play for the remainder of the lunch period."

"While aware of the discussion at the state level, Picone said he does not see this as having any educational impact locally."

"I don't think it's a major issue at this point," he stated.

On the table (Winchester)

"The School Committee approved lists for capital improvements from the school department and the Department of Public Works," notes the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The School Committee intended to seek funding for these capital improvements projects at the fall Town Meeting this month."

"The School Department's list is for fiscal years 2007 through 2011."

"Items include technology for the high school and two elementary schools, Vinson-Owen and Muraco, as well as for special education. The list also includes cafeteria tables for the high school

and student desks, chairs and tables for the high school and three elementary schools - Vinson-Owen, Lynch and Muraco."

"Financial director Samuel Rippin said that the plan had been to fund technology through the operating budget if an override had carried, but it did not."

"Currently, the district has limited Internet access and many teachers do not have computer access in their classrooms. The computers-to-classroom ratio for the district does not meet the Department of Education's requirements. Also, there is limited access for 'assistive' technology for special education students."

"For the next three fiscal years, the School Committee will ask for over \$100,000 per year to fund technology in the high school. The School Committee will also ask for over \$76,000 per year for the next four fiscal years to fund technology in three elementary schools."

"Rippin said that replacing the high school's cafeteria tables is essential because they have been in use for 35 years. The tables require extra custodial time to move and student's clothing frequently gets caught on the table's edges."

"Many student desks, chairs and teacher desks are also over 30 years old and are in need of replacement."

"The School Committee intends to ask for money to fund replacements for cafeteria tables and worn out desks and chairs over the next five years...."

Cirque de Batchelder

"Less than two weeks after their promotion from second grade, 13 new third graders from Batchelder School's Room 30 were hard at work preparing interview questions for jugglers at the Circus Smirkus," notes the "North Reading Transcript."

"In mid-July, along with more than 30 family members, the students made a

field trip to Concord to interview jugglers and attend a performance of the Circus Smirkus. Summer school was never such fun!"

"The students and their families were invited into the Circus' Big Top tent, where the students conducted an interview of two jugglers, Troy Wunderle, the Circus' juggling teacher, and Book Kennison, a 15-year-old troupier. After the interview, the performers demonstrated their amazing juggling skills with balls and clubs, at one time juggling over six clubs over the heads of eight students. After the demonstration, the students and their families practiced juggling scarves, which Troy noted, 'are slow to fall and won't hurt, if they bonk you in the head.'"

"With the interview completed, everyone attended a performance of the Circus Smirkus, which is an award-winning, New England traveling youth circus, with its performers being between 13 and 18 years old. The highlight of the show was when the father of a North Reading student, John Intorcio, was brought to the ring to join a group of clowns in a mime routine. He performed so flawlessly that it was hard to believe that he wasn't a circus shill planted in the audience."

"When they returned to school in September, the third graders revised and edited their interview, wrote a couple of articles and an editorial about juggling, and drew pictures of their evening at Circus Smirkus, all to be published in the Fun Pages of the Boston Sunday Globe. And in class they were taught to juggle, as an example of how practice makes better...."

If you'd like to read about your favorite school, student or teacher in "School Notes," please send school newsletters and other relevant information to Phyllis Nissen, "School Notes," Middlesex East Supplement, Box 240, Reading, MA 01867

Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

SPORTS SHORTS

•MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA

Who was the first African-American player in the American League? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

•READING'S DAVID HEALY

has made an impact on the Brown University football team as a starting outside linebacker this fall. Healy helped out with three tackles when Brown defeated Dartmouth for a share of the Ivy League title. He has been in on 23 total tackles this season, with 17 solo stops.

Alzheimer's caregivers program

VNA of Middlesex East offers an Alzheimer's Caregiver Program free of charge to help family members caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's disease improve their life together.

The program helps caregivers design a safe home environment for the Alzheimer's patient and teaches them how to maximize the patient's skills for daily living. Care and consultation is provided by an occupational therapist, physical therapist, nurse and social worker. They also teach caregivers how to care for themselves and maintain connections with the outside world.

The program offers respite care provided by a trained core of volunteers that allow caregivers time away for appointments, shopping, social activities or just time alone. Telephone support is also available.

Individuals who believe the program could help their current home situation and would like to learn more about this free service should call Donna Silva, Alzheimer's Caregiver Program Coordinator at VNA of Middlesex East 781-224-3399, ext. 202.

•READING'S JOHN KAZANOVICZ and WOBURN'S CHRIS SKIFFINGTON also play for the Brown University football team.

•STONEHAM'S CHRIS MORAN

, a sophomore mid-fielder for the Salve Regina men's soccer team, registered an assist in a 2-1 loss to Wentworth in a quarterfinal round game of the 2005 Commonwealth Coast Conference Tournament.

•READING'S COURTNEY CAMPBELL

scored her team's only goal as Stonehill College lost in the National Division II Field Hockey championship semifinal to U-Mass-Lowell, 2-1. Campbell is a junior and an All-League selection. The game was played in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. UMass-Lowell went on to win the championship.

•The Reading Memorial High School Athletic Hall of Fame is pleased to announce its Class of 2005 Inductees. They are:

- Andrea Comeau
- Beth Moxcey
- David Nugent
- David Pizzotti
- Charles Heineck
- Chuck Ross
- Michael LaPierre
- Peter Moscardillo
- Ken Feit
- 1996 girls spring track team
- 1992 field hockey team.

•Need some help on this week's trivia question? The player toiled for the Cleveland Indians.

•BURLINGTON'S JAY PANDOLFO is skating in the National Hockey League this season for the New Jersey Devils, while his brother MIKE is in the Los Angeles Kings organization.

•DAN TOBIN, a 15-year-old sophomore at Woburn High and a member of the varsity SOCCER team won

the Pass Punt and Kick sectional competition. This was held at Gillette Stadium prior to Monday Night Football between the Patriots and the Colts on November 7. Dan received 3 tickets to the game and a field pass for prior to the game. Dan will now participate in the national competition.

•READING'S KRISTIN JOHNSON

, a senior goalkeeper for the #5 Bentley College field hockey team, was in net as Stonehill sophomore Aly Boulis scored the game's only goal with just over 13 minutes remaining to give second-seeded Stonehill College a 1-0 win over third-seeded Bentley in the opening round of the 2005 NCAA Division II field hockey championships Saturday afternoon at W.B. Mason Stadium. Johnson came up with two early saves to deny the Skyhawks. Bentley had six of the next seven corners, but was unable to convert. Each team attempted two corners in the second half, including one by Bentley with no time left in regulation. The Falcons got a shot off, but it was wide and Stonehill (19-2) had its 15th straight victory. Reading's Courtney Campbell is a member of the Stonehill team.

•ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION:

Larry Doby, who played for the Cleveland Indians in 1947, was the first African-American player in the American League.

•DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T? If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to readingchronicle@comcast.net, or mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports, P.O. Box 240, Reading, Ma., 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200 between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or fax information at 781-942-0884.

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ACOUSTIC MUSIC SINGERS AT THE IVY CHORD

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For more information or advance tickets call 781-944-0494 (M-F 9 a.m. to noon) or 781-229-9394 (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.).

The Ivy Chord Coffee House is located in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn St., Reading. **WILMINGTON AUTHOR AT BOOK SIGNING**

Wilmington's Julia Doten, author of "A Long White Scarf" will be appearing for a book signing at LeDuc's Card and Gift, located at 211 Lowell Street (Route 129), Lucci's Plaza in Wilmington on Saturday, December 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

LINDEN TREE WINTER POTPOURRI

The Linden Tree Coffeehouse presents its annual Winter Potpourri on Saturday, December 3 at 8 p.m. The concert features four new to the Linden stage, Massachusetts performers all with different styles of acoustic music. This year's Potpourri guests are City of Roses, Alison Lee Freeman, Ryan and Ortolani and Chris LaVancher.

Local residents, especially those who have not attended Linden Tree shows before, should take the opportunity and a break from December shopping to find out what the coffeehouse scene is in these modern times.

The Linden Tree is a small friendly, smoke-free venue with great acoustics and personable performers. Audiences are adults of all ages with teens and elementary aged children welcome with their parents.

Home made goodies are sold during intermission when audience members can also speak to the performers and buy CDs from them.

With heart felt vocals and knock your socks off harmonies, City of Roses is rapidly becoming one of New England's premier acoustic acts. Their sound flows smoothly from folk to rock, country to blues. As a special feature of the evening the Linden Tree will present City of Roses first music video "Pleasure Island

Road" an original composition about Wakefield's famed theme park of the 1960s.

Alison Lee Freeman is no relative of Linden Tree's Liz Freeman. She is a singer-songwriter and chanter singer with an extraordinary voice easily heard over gale force winds. She is known for her captivating harmonies and sense of humor. In her performance she sings a capella or accompanies herself on guitar.

Ryan and Ortolani are a versatile musical duo who combine decades of musical experience to produce some of the sweetest harmonic and rhythmic sounds around. They perform catchy original tunes, American acoustic classics, country blues, Celtic covers swing and jazz.

Chris LaVancher has been quietly making music alone at his kitchen table for the last several years. With encouragement from his friends, he has recently ventured out to play his original tunes at local open mikes and coffee houses. Chirs's songs are fueled by melody and driven by characters, from the homeless guy you pass everyday to the lone-some traveler dreaming of home, to the wild cast of characters in a run down traveling circus.

In addition to writing his own songs, he plays them on a guitar he built himself. Chirs's set will truly be "home made". He will be joined by the incredibly talented instrumental guitarist Ken Bonfield. Ken has been writing and performing nationally for over a decade.

The Linden Tree Coffeehouse is located in the social hall of the Unitarian-Universalist Church at 326 Main Street in Wakefield. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$12 beginning at 7:30. Ticket costs for this show have been kept low thanks to the partial support of the Wakefield Chapter of the Mass. Cultural Council.

www.LindenTreeCoffeehouse.org.

OLDER ADULTS MEET ON DECEMBER 11

Patrons for Older Adults will hold their December meeting on Sunday, December 11 at the Masonic Hall, 110 Haven Street in Reading at 2 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Young Performers of New England. Refreshment will be served.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NUREMBERG TRIALS
On Friday, December 9 Louise Arbour, the United

Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, will discuss the challenges for international justice today. This forum will be moderated by Harvard Law School Professor Martha Minow and will take place from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Following the conversation with Louise Arbour, the Kennedy Presidential Library will host an extraordinary discussion with survivors of genocide who will discuss the many issues surrounding accountability and justice for genocide survivors and victims.

This portion of the forum will begin at 1 p.m. and will be moderated by John Shattuck, CEO, of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, former U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and former Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor.

This forum will be held on Friday, December 9 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Stephen Smith Center at the JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston.

All forums are free and open to the public. For reservations call 617-514-1643. For more information visit www.jfklibrary.org.

TEWKSBURY LYONS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Tewksbury Lions Club Christmas Party will be held December 10 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the U.S. Bunting Club, 449 Boylston Street in Lowell.

Bring a gift costing under \$10 to swap. There will be music and dancing with D.J. Paul Belley and his Talents. There will also be a Yankee Swap, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, a buffet and hot cider.

Tickets are \$25 per person, reserved table for 10 is \$225. For tickets and information call Monty 978-337-6104 or Shirley 978-851-9688. Proceeds to benefit Administration Fund.

NAMI-MASS MEETS IN WAKEFIELD

The Eastern Middlesex Alliance on Mental Illness meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

NAMI offers support and education for families and indi-

viduals and advocates for legislation to improve treatment and quality of life for those with a mental illness.

Meetings are held at Horizon House, 78 Water Street, Wakefield at 7 p.m. All are welcome. For more information call 781-272-4146.

STONEHAM HIGH CLASS OF 95 REUNION

The Stoneham High Class of 1995 will hold its 10th reunion on Friday, November 25 at Boston Beer Works (Canal Street location), 112 Canal Street, Boston.

The time is 7 p.m. Appetizers, food platters, drinks. There will be a \$20 door charge. All spouses and significant others welcome.

Please RSVP via email to Amy Gebhard agebhard@adelphia.net 781-254-6818.

PATRONS FOR OLDER ADULTS MEET

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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

"Home for the Holidays" house tour will take place in Reading on Sunday, December 4 from 12 - 4 p.m. Visit 8 beautifully decorated homes. Tickets are \$25 and include entrance to the winter wonderland "Festival of Trees" on Saturday, December 3 from 12 - 6 p.m. and Sunday December 4 from 10 - 5:30 at Parker Middle School.

Tickets may be purchased at the Wine Shop of Reading, CB Designs and Sofia Brina. Proceeds benefit the Reading Technology and Education Foundation, Inc.

HOLIDAY FAIR AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH

St. Joseph Parish in Wakefield will hold its 24th annual Holiday Fair at Father Gillis Hall at the corner of Albion and Tuttle Streets on Friday, Nov. 18 from 2:30 - 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Come join and get some early holiday shopping done! You'll be sure to enjoy the local crafters, food, drink, raffles, Kid's Corner with games, prizes and pictures with Santa. **RMHS CLASS OF 1980 25 YEAR REUNION**

The Reading Memorial High School Class of 1980 will be celebrating its 25th Reunion on Friday, November 26 at Meadowbrook Golf Club, 292 Grove Street, Reading from 7 p.m. to midnight.

All classmates interested in attending should mail check payable to the Class of 1980 for \$35 to P.O. Box 201, Reading, Ma. 01867,

For more information email Connie Swaabe @ connieand-

david@comcast.net or Karen Patalano karenpatalano@yahoo.com.

LOIS CLUB MEETS NOVEMBER 29TH

Tuesday, November 29 at 7 p.m. the Old South Methodist Church members of the Lois Club will meet and enjoy a holiday party.

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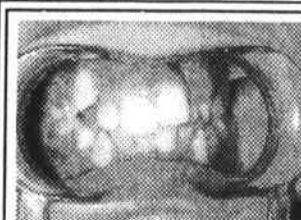
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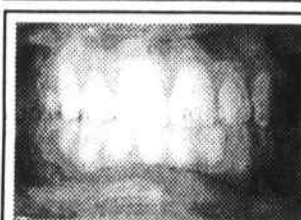
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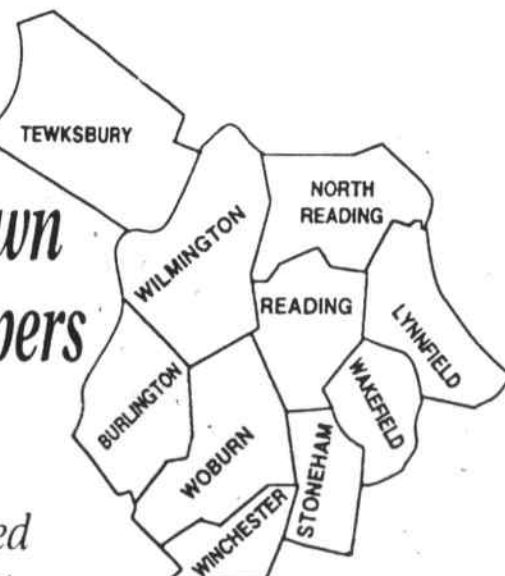
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22 BIRCHWOOD ROAD was sold to Brian and Susan O'Connor by Kristen and Mark Sperling for \$404,900.
41 FAIRVIEW ROAD was sold to Peter Christopher by Susan Bardaro for \$447,800.
NO STREET GIVEN was sold to Michael Forbes by Joseph Lane LLC for \$699,000.

-NORTH READING-

Median Price: \$426,785

2 ALDERSGATE WAY was sold to Eric Pepper and Joline Romano Pepper by Margaret Cadogan for \$532,500.
3 JEFFREY ROAD was sold to Daniel and Lucille Jones by Douglas and Mary Staples for \$50,000.
350 PARK STREET U:202S was sold to C&J Rt. and Laura Cervizzi by Pelson Realty LLC for \$142,000.
9 WASHINGTON STREET was sold to Amy Robertson and Timothy Beckwith by Carl and Carla Johnson for \$319,000.

-READING-

Median Price: \$437,000

10 CARNATION CIRCLE U:D was sold to Marcy Feldstein by Mary Buckler and Vincent Polito for \$400,000.
53 DANA ROAD was sold to Janice and Robert McNancy by Kristin and Mathew Cusolito for \$462,000.
34 DUDLEY STREET was sold to Joanne Oregon by Christopher and Kathryn Nash for \$580,000.
231 FOREST STREET was sold to Wharf Prop. LLC by RYE Inc. for \$379,900.
68 GROVE STREET was sold to Douglas and Kimberly O'Flaherty by A. Andrew Kiezulas for \$555,000.
7 HARRISON STREET was sold to Melissa and Sean Naughton by Ann and Sean Whalen for \$380,000.
153 JOHNSON WOODS DRIVE U:153 was sold to Donna Ryan by Johnson Woods Realty Corp. for \$599,000.
237 MAIN STREET U:A8 was sold to Maureen Knight by Edwina and Michael Lewandowski for \$195,000.
23 NELSON AVENUE was sold to Frances and Remo Aretusi by Robert and Sandra Dyer for \$7,000.
249 SALEM STREET U:3 was sold to Janet Mahoney and John Mahoney by Maplewood Village Dev. LLC for \$329,900.
249 SALEM STREET U:5 was sold to Carleton and Carol Logan by Maplewood Village Dev. LLC for \$339,000.
249 SALEM STREET U:7 was sold to Mildred Breczko and Patricia Takach by Maplewood Village Dev. LLC for \$359,000.
12 SANDRA LANE was sold to David and Maria Walsh by Alma Fanon for \$390,000.

9 VAN NORDEN ROAD was sold to Michael and Sara Digiorio by Mary Graham for \$438,000.

75 WHITTIER ROAD was sold to Karen and Kevin DiNapoli by Karen Lavagna and Timothy Johnson for \$532,500.

90 WHITTIER ROAD was sold to Cendant Mobility Financial Corp. by Alan and Susan Berardi for \$550,000.

90 WHITTIER ROAD was sold to Karen Lavagna and Timothy Johnson by Cendant Mobility Financial for \$550,000.

-STONEHAM-

Median Price: \$416,000

8 CELESTINE TERRACE was sold to Denise Doherty by Beverly and William Hunter for \$300,000.

12 DRUMMOND ROAD was sold to Cynthia Fiore-Souza and Robert Souza by Hanlon Rt. and Diane Anderson for \$431,000.

120 FELLVIEW TERRACE U:128 was sold to Herbert Morton by Michelle Raisbeck for \$223,000.

2 GOULD STREET U:4 was sold to Tara Konaxis by Gary DiNapoli for \$245,000.

167 HANCOCK STREET was sold to Jason Martins by Bechara Bassile and Hoda Makhlof for \$437,500.

30 LEDGE STREET was sold to Anthony and Kristine Sinagra by Jennifer Jenkins for \$360,000.

200 LEDGEWOOD DRIVE U:108 was sold to Raymond and Rosemarie Clements by John Maccini Jr. for \$250,000.

64 MAIN STREET U:13B was sold to Joseph Bolduc by Kathleen Donnelly and Kathleen Fillmore for \$200,000.

26-28 MARBLE STREET was sold to Anthony Pace by Cheryl and Ronald Figelski for \$800,000.

14 MINOT STREET was sold to Michael Zarin and Sarah Hickok by Kathryn and Markos Hankin for \$355,000.

23 MYRTLE STREET was sold to Brian Gill by Douglas Prentice for \$477,500.

19 SKYWOOD DRIVE was sold to Lawrence and Lucinda Maganzini by J&B Rt. and Bette Doris Biggio Tr. for \$400,000.

-TEWKSBURY-

Median Price: \$380,000

324 BROWN STREET was sold to John Kanarkiewicz and Jean Rooney by Frances Burrill for \$407,900.

5 CREST ROAD was sold to Seven Hills Community Services Inc. by Edward and Joan Surprenant for \$427,000.

80 FERNCROFT ROAD was sold to Edward Filistowicz and Dorothea Caplice by Jesse and Candace Wade for \$465,000.

124 JUDITH DRIVE was sold to Matthew and Denise Blair by James and Judith Viola for \$530,000.

96 JUNIPER LANE U:96 was sold to Linda Gladstone by Myles Ferrick for \$342,500.

55 MICHIGAN ROAD was sold to Jose and Maria Dacosta by Henry and Ann Sledz for \$462,500.

62 PATRICK ROAD U:62 was sold to Leonard Polonski and Holly Stidham by Vincenzo Lubuono and Ana Narciso for \$288,000.

173 PATRICK ROAD U:173 was sold to Arlene Southern by Michael and Julie Rondinelli for \$269,900.

31 PRESERVATION LANE U:31 was sold to Theresa Palmer by Preservation Group LLC for \$419,900.

31 SESAME STREET was sold to Luciano Colle by Adcon Realty LLC for \$340,000.

13 SHARON STREET was sold to Michael Flynn and Susan Flynn by Francis and Judith Dalphond for \$425,000.

28 VILLA ROMA DRIVE U:28 was sold to William and Sharon

Hoff by Joseph Orefice for \$319,500.

30 VILLA ROMA DRIVE U:30 was sold to Michael Brewster and Laurie Umbro for \$304,000.

-WAKEFIELD-

Median Price: \$428,750

10 CATALPA STREET was sold to Steven Ferretti by Stephanie Digiovanni for \$410,000.

19 CHESTNUT STREET was sold to Stonewake Acquisitio LLC by Richard and Virginia Haskell for \$469,700.

7 COLUMBIA ROAD was sold to Columbia Wakefield LLC by Columbia Rt. and Roy Digiovanni for \$650,000.

3-3A GOULD STREET was sold to Leonard Vining by Gary DiNapoli for \$229,900.

8 HIGHLAND AVENUE U:A was sold to Jordan Halasz by Graciano Tacardon and Thomas Delorey for \$339,900.

10 MORRISON ROAD was sold to Robert Umamo Jr. by Thomas Bringola Jr. for \$640,000.

11 ORCHARD AVENUE was sold to Patrice and Stephen Chiavelli by Patrick Murphy for \$380,000.

26 SALEM STREET was sold to 26 Salem Street LLC by Lobsterville Road Inc. for \$494,000.

-WILMINGTON-

Median Price: \$374,750

7 ARLENE AVENUE was sold to Karen Lee by Helen Moore for \$425,000.

5 CARMEL STREET was sold to Charles Dowling Jr. and Kerrianne Driscoll by Alice Shea for \$354,900.

3 CHELSEA STREET was sold to Srinivasa Kathika and Ragitha Guda by Craig Jacobs and Shannon Jacobs for \$392,000.

16 COREY AVENUE was sold to Brett Bingham and Melissa Gallery by R&R General Contractor LLC for \$425,000.

402 DANA COURT was sold to Nelson Valandro by Vincent and Jolene Dalessandro for \$345,000.

76A GLEN ROAD was sold to Sergio Demedeiros by Jason and Lucia Thibert for \$600,000.

12 LANG STREET was sold to John and Kristine Fulkerson by Newfound Dev. Corp. for \$629,900.

26 LAWRENCE STREET was sold to Jean and Marie Francois by Mary O'Malley for \$444,000.

314 MAIN STREET U:204 was sold to MCB Nt. and Ernest Botte Tr. by RCM Rt. and Robert Peterson Tr. for \$79,900.

8 MARCIA ROAD was sold to James and Gina Haerer by Roger and Susan Marie Clarkin for \$472,500.

25 NASSAU AVENUE was sold to Rock Rt. and John Carroll Tr. by James Stevenson for \$230,000.

5 PALMER WAY was sold to Jason and Lucy Thibert by Theresa Palmer for \$595,000.

3 PLYMOUTH STREET was sold to Angela and Melkon Melkonian by Thomas D'Serino for \$1,710.

216 WILDWOOD STREET was sold to HB Dev. Corp. by Debra Christofi for \$290,000.

-WINCHESTER-

Median Price: \$728,200

9 BACON STREET U:9 was sold to Linda Holdstock by Catharine Green and Catharine Robertson for \$645,000.

27 DUNSTER LANE was sold to Dawn and Michael Gorgan by Daniel and Kathleen Spier for \$505,000.

5 GEORGE ROAD U:5 was sold to Chui Ha Pang by CPC GP

Transfers to S-10



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Marge Fala
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Janice Sullivan



Doty Vaccaro
CR, CRS, GRI, SRES



Melanie Horne



Judy Bernard
CR



Cheryl Weinrob
CRS, GRI



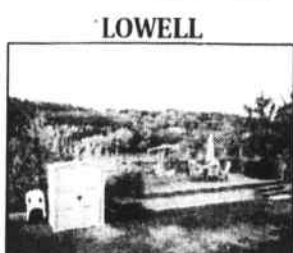
READING
CHARMING COLONIAL WITH 3 bedrooms, newer kitchen, lovely 1st floor family room, formal living room, dining room and office. Great location near train & center.
\$394,900
Melanie X242



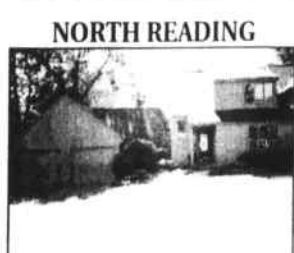
READING
UPSCALE LOFT STYLE CONDO, top floor, 5 rooms, stunning architectural detail. Fabulous views. In town location near train and center.
\$360's
Melanie X242



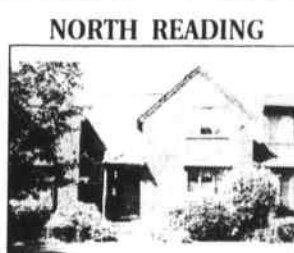
READING
GREAT VALUE! WELL MAINTAINED 7 room Ranch offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, 2 car garage, utility shed and near acre lot. Call today!
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Barbara Scott X231



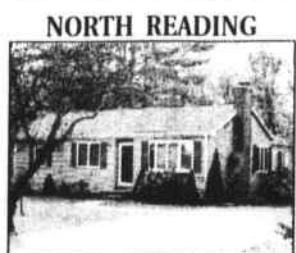
LOWELL
SELLER LOOKING FOR QUICK CLOSING on this updated 7 room Ranch. Great lower level family room walkout to large, fenced yard with wonderful deck overlooking water.
\$309,000
Cheryl X237



NORTH READING
SELLER LOOKING FOR QUICK CLOSING on 7 room, 2.5 bath end unit at "The Greens." Great location, 2 oversized, private decks.
\$479,900
Mary Ann X243



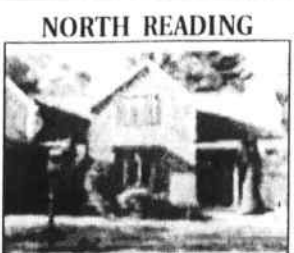
NORTH READING
1ST AD @ NEW PRICE! 6 room, 2.5 bath Townhouse @ "The Greens." Updated kitchen and baths. Motivated sellers say "bring offers."
\$439,900
Mary Ann X243



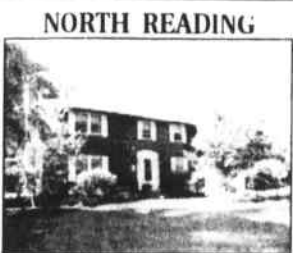
NORTH READING
PRISTINE 3 BEDROOM RANCH, fireplace living room, first floor family room, newer kitchen, roof and septic.
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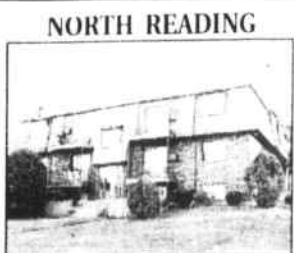
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SPRAWLING 7 ROOM, 3 BEDROOM RANCH, quiet street, lots of updates!
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Transfers from S-9

LLC and Criterion Winchester LLC for \$326,900.

268 HIGH STREET was sold to Deborah and Patrick Christopher by Giorgio Nicoli for \$1,430,000.

37-39 SWANTON STREET was sold to John Travers and Lacey Cole by Michael and Shelley Chandler Joyce for \$360,000.

18 WEST CHARDON ROAD was sold to 36 Brook Street Rt. and Ronald Roy by Elizabeth Raskob for \$650,000.

211 WASHINGTON STREET was sold to Jeffrey and Roxanne Gianelli by Chung Lee and Don Lee for \$550,000.

48 WINTHROP STREET EXTENSION was sold to Douglas and Jennifer Pagan by Douglas Johnston for \$735,000.

-WOBURN-

Median Price: \$385,000

A STREET L:11, 14 was sold to David Baker by Cummings Foundation Inc. for \$442,647.

4 BIRCHWOOD LANE was sold to Dana and Lauri Burks by Mary Guinard and Paul Guinard Jr. for \$580,000.

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123 CAMBRIDGE ROAD U:123C was sold to Brian Barbosa by Diane and Matthew Vallis for \$246,000.

103 EASTERN AVENUE was sold to Andre and Florinda Santos by James Marchetti for \$569,000.

5 GETTYSBURG ROAD was sold to Hiroko and Steven McDonald by Durnan Mary Est. and James McDonald for \$320,000.

4 LEONARD STREET was sold to Marcos Martins Barros and Marquilde Alves Barros by Jennifer and Paul Young for \$455,000.

45 MERRIMAC STREET U:7A was sold to Andrew and Stephanie Powers by Stephen Watson and Susan Stanton Watson for \$287,000.

45 MILL STREET was sold to Robert Algiers by Dara Conneely for \$447,500.

57 SOUTH BEDFORD STREET was sold to Manish Tiwari by Donna and Thomas Donovaro for \$416,500.

295 SALEM was sold to Charles Larrabee by Salem Place LLC for \$394,057.

15 VIRGINIA AVENUE U:1 was sold to David Spencer and Robert Walsh Jr. by Bonnie Jean Auriemma and Christine Auriemma for \$305,000.

300 WILDWOOD AVENUE was sold to Wildwood Prop. LLC by Taurus Wildwood Avenue LP for \$3,875,000.

6 WINTER ROAD was sold to Brenda and Ernest Carter by Alexandra Jury T. and Alexandra Jury for \$405,000.



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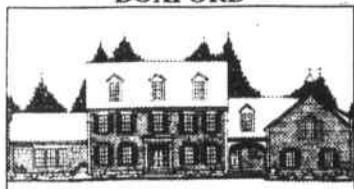
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1st Offer! 3-4 bedrm S/E in a convenient neighborhood. Newly updated kitchen & bath w/corrian countertops, whirlpool Jacuzzi in main bath. Living rm w/cath ceiling, finished LL. \$459,900

NORTH READING



Open floor plan, 3 bedrm, 3 bath contemporary Saltbox on quiet cul-de-sac. Dramatic 2nd story balcony overlooks living rm/dining rm, cath ceiling, A/C, hwd & more. \$419,900

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NORTH READING



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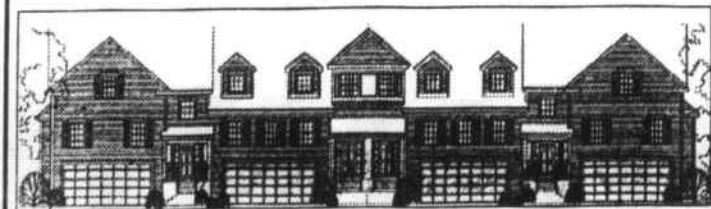
NORTH READING



4 bedrm, 2 bath Colonial set on 2.78 priv acres in desired neighborhood, hwd flrs in living rm & dining rm, fpl, cathedral ceiling fam rm, finished LL, prof. landscaped. \$739,900

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BALLROOM DANCING IN WOBURN

Ballroom Dancing will be held at the Woburn Senior Center, 144 School Street, Woburn. 781-937-7899 on the first Saturday of each month.

Bring your own refreshments. 50/50 raffle. \$8 per person.

VNA OFFERS FREE PROGRAM FOR ELDERS

Do you think an elderly family member or neighbor may be facing challenges living alone at home? VNA of Middlesex-East offers a free program to help frail elders who are struggling to take care of themselves properly.

Specialized trained clinicians are available to make home visits to assess an individual's physical frailty, fall risk, mental status, social interaction and medical non-compliance.

Based on an individual's needs, they then work to connect the elder with services that help them remain safe and independent.

Warning signs for elders at

risk include difficulty walking and keeping balance, disheveled appearance, poor hygiene, weight loss, forgetfulness, depression and vision problems.

For more information on this free program call Donna Silva at 781-224-3399, ext. 202.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

The Mass Substance Abuse Info. and Ed. Helpline seeks volunteers for phone service to persons affected by alcoholism and substance abuse.

The Helpline provides training, supervision, flexible scheduling and T accessible. Must have computer experience, in recovery from addiction helpful but not necessary.

For more information call 617-536-0501, ext. 201. www.helpline-online.com.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VNA MIDDLESEX

VNA of Middlesex East is seeking volunteers to lend vital support to patients and families by being sensitive listeners, companions and helpers in the practical matters. "There are a variety of ways our volunteers help us at the Hospice House and with homebound patients," says Volunteer Manager Pat Kumph.

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NAMI TO MEET IN WAKEFIELD

The Eastern Middlesex affiliate of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Horizon House, 78 Water St., Wakefield at 7 p.m.

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Towns From S-3

weekends but sometimes might have to. The City Council approved the permit with conditions stipulating between 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week, and requiring a more detailed parking and landscape plan for the building....

New in town (Wilmington)

"The library subscribes to over 150 magazines on a variety of topics for all ages," notes the "Wilmington Town Crier."

"The following are new subscriptions recently added to the library's collection."

"Attention!", published bimonthly by CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder). Articles of interest in the June 2005 issue deal with transitions to middle school, from high school to college or career, and retirement planning.

"Country Home, published 10 times per year. This magazine features ideas on using antiques and attic treasures that are not only decorative but also practical.

"Creative Knitting, published bimonthly is a magazine with the kind of designs that real people want to make, wear and give as gifts" created by designers who understand how real people

want to look and how to use each yarn in the most effective way."

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"About the Towns" covers recent events in the 10-town Middlesex East area. Because Middlesex East deadlines are early, please check the front sections of this paper for up-to-date information about your city or town. We also welcome original material - please send it to Phyllis Nissen, "About the Towns," Middlesex East Supplement, Box 240, Reading, MA 01867 or to notestowns@comcast.net.

Judy McCoy named Top Broker for September

Rita Manuel, Senior Vice President and Manager of the Stoneham based regional office of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, is pleased to name Judy McCoy as Broker of the Month for September 2005, in recognition of her outstanding real estate performance and generating the highest number residential real estate sales.

While certified in Historical and Antique Homes, she is also a certified relocation specialist servicing relocation clients nationwide.

McCoy is a member of Eastern Middlesex Realtors Association, MLS, Massachusetts Association of Realtors and the National Realtors Association. She attended Stoneham Public Schools and Westbrook College in Portland, Maine.

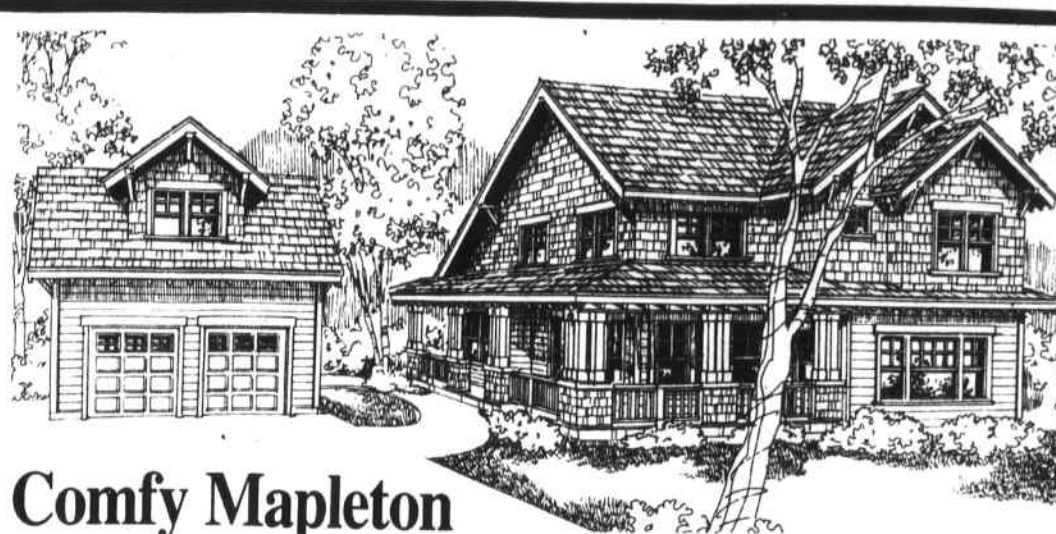
"My training in Tax Deferred 1031 Exchange has



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opened up a whole new marketplace for me. Investors looking to trade up or diversify are sometimes surprised to learn about this area of tax deferral," according to McCoy. "It keeps things lively."

For listing information, Judy McCoy can be reached at 978-337-2040.



Comfy Mapleton fits in town or country

By Associated Designs

The shingle-clad Mapleton has a Craftsman cottage look. It's easy to picture this home nestled in a grove of tall oak trees, but it would blend into a suburban neighborhood just as nicely.

One of its most notable features is an old-fashioned covered porch that wraps around three sides of the home. Outdoor lovers will appreciate this feature, whether the sky is filled with sunshine, clouds, rain or snow. Add gates front and back to create a secure play area for toddlers and small pets.

Two large, interconnected rooms fill the front, linked by French double doors. The room closest to the street could be outfitted as a home office, guest room, parlor, or whatever suits. It has a closet and direct bathroom access, complete with shower.

A woodstove sits near the entrance to the gathering room. Walk around it to the right, and you pass along a short hallway to the kitchen. Laundry appliances hide behind folding doors on the left of the hall.

Around the woodstove to the left is the stairway to the second floor, and past that a skylit and vaulted living room, open to a large kitchen

and bayed dining area.

A conversation bar rims the boundary side of a work island with a built-in cook top.

The Mapleton's kitchen has a raised eating bar as well. Working at the kitchen sink, you face across it into the window-bright dining bay. Counters and cupboards

Mapleton PLAN 30-506

First Floor 1323 sq. ft.
Second Floor 985 sq. ft.
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Garage 793 sq. ft.
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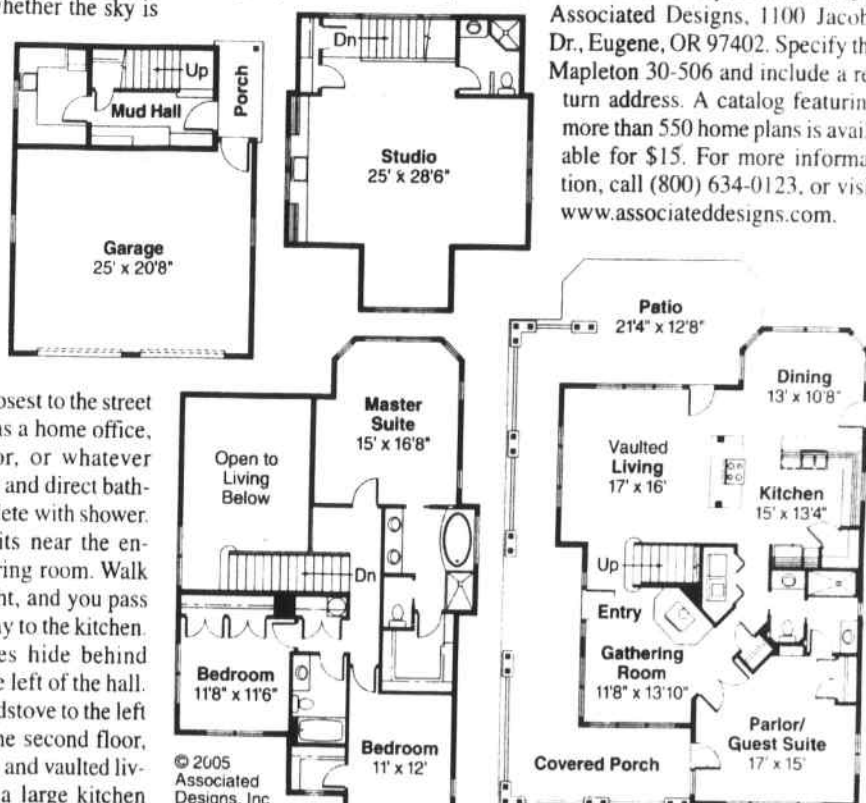
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are in good supply, and the step-in pantry adds still more storage space.

Three bedrooms and two bathrooms are upstairs. Master suite amenities include a walk-in closet and a skylit bathroom with a spa tub, dual vanity, shower and enclosed toilet.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Eugene, OR 97402. Specify the Mapleton 30-506 and include a return address. A catalog featuring more than 550 home plans is available for \$15. For more information, call (800) 634-0123, or visit www.associatedesigns.com.



Movies

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be remembered as one of Disney's enduring classics, it's enjoyable on its own terms.

MOVIE: "THE WEATHER MAN" GRADE: *

"The Weather Man" is an exercise in cheerlessness and discontent that offers up the world's most self-absorbed whiner and expects you to like him.

Nicolas Cage plays a guy who makes \$240,000 a year for what he acknowledges is the easiest of jobs, smirking and reading weather forecasts off the prompter for a Chicago TV station. He supplements his income with fees from equally effortless personal appearances.

He has a support system of people willing to truly care for

him, if only he'd let them. And he's a front-runner for a national gig that would pay him more than a million bucks a year. Yet all he can do is groan and moan about how hard his life is and how nothing goes his way.

Cage clearly saw something more to the character and plays him with earnest, though it ends up a largely two-dimensional labor of gloom and anguish.

What salvages "The Weather Man" from time to time is the grand presence of Michael Caine as Cage's father, whose own real drama is so engrossing and heartfelt, you wish he were the main man and his son the supporting player.

Always feeling inferior to his father (Caine), a Pulitzer Prize-winning scholar who was a buddy to world leaders in his day, Cage now must cope with his father's terminal cancer.

So yes, David does have real problems. Yet other than his father's illness, the domestic issues in his life feel almost certainly David's own fault.

He's always caught short of cash just when his dad asks him to fetch a newspaper or cup of coffee, viewers perpetually pelt him with shakes, sodas and fast food on the street. None of this is funny, and none of it evokes kinship. Spend an hour and a half watching David the weatherman, and you may want to hurl your own soda at the screen.

MOVIE: "ELIZABETHTOWN" GRADE: ***

Writer and director Cameron Crowe travels what should be a familiar route, a journey of self-discovery that ends in love, with his latest film, but somehow he stumbles a bit before reaching the conclusion.

The story centers around Drew Baylor (Orlando Bloom), a shoe designer in a Nike-like company whose new product, called the "Spasmodica" (which Baylor developed) has been recalled and is being called one of the greatest business fiascos of all time, costing the business close to \$1 billion. He of course is fired, and is literally about to kill himself when he receives a call that his father has died, and he must travel from Oregon to Elizabethtown, Kentucky (his father's hometown) to retrieve the body.

Along the way he meets a flight attendant, Claire (played by Kirsten Dunst), who helps him look at what really matters in life.

The story hits its stride late, when widow Susan Sarandon gets some screen time, and Bloom's character sets off on a cross country road trip that he should have taken years ago.

It's not one of Crowe's better movies, but it's still better than most of what's out there.

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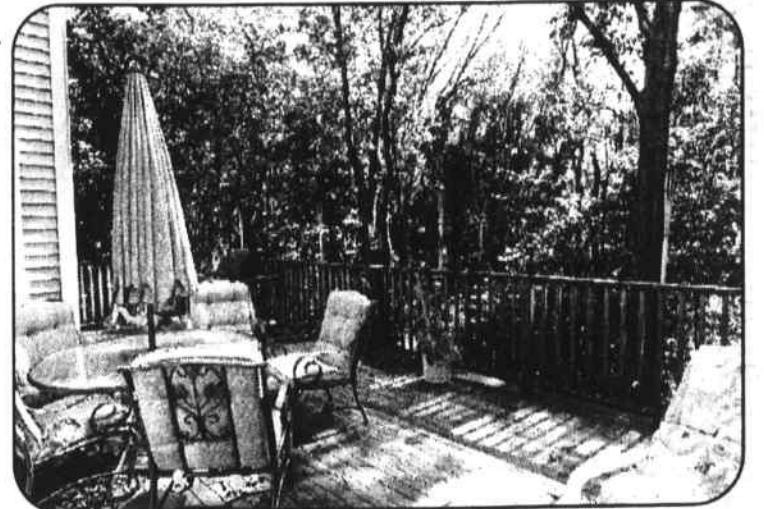
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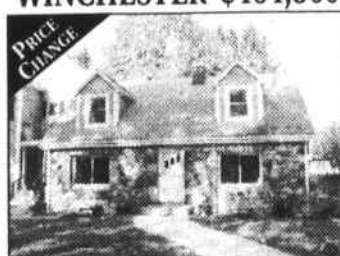
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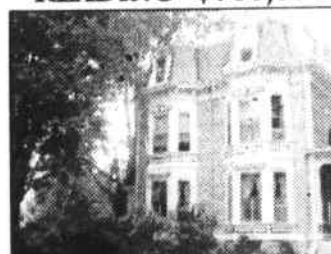
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